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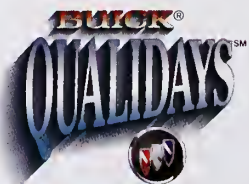
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Enola Gay

After World War II, I visited Japan annually for 30 years and spent many a night with former officers of the Japanese military. Now friends, we often discussed World War II. None ever criticized us for using the atomic bombs to hasten the end of the war. Because they had been indoctrinated to die for their emperor, they realized they would not have survived World War II if the United States had invaded the "sacred homeland." Every man, woman and child would have become a guerrilla fighter.

These Japanese officers say the atomic bombs gave the emperor an opportunity to "terminate the misunderstanding without losing face," which is all-important in the Orient. They also said, "In war you use every weapon you have to win." They admitted that if Japan had atomic bombs, they would have used them against the United States.

The Japanese I discussed World War II with also appreciated that we kept the Soviets out of Japan, generously aided their postwar recovery and installed democracy, which made their remarkable postwar prosperity possible.

*Warren Slater
Perkasie, Pa.*

Thank God we had The American Legion to stand up to the people at the Smithsonian Institution who do not know history ("Smithsonian Cancels Enola Gay Exhibit," March, Legion News).

V *Harold Connelley
Middletown, N.J.*

Immigration

When my dad immigrated to this country in 1910, he had no job, couldn't speak English, had, at best, a third-grade education, no family and no home. His first job was lighting street lamps in downtown Portland.

He met and married my mother in 1916, but before the marriage he had purchased a small business—a janitor and window cleaning service. My parents worked to survive. No handouts, no social programs, no freebies.

Those who would shut off immi-

gration altogether have made some good points, but it begs the point ("What Price Immigration?" April). For example, a breeder of race horses does not go out looking for a scrawny mare for his stud. Not if he wants to create a good race horse.

We can't be on the right track when you see what has been happening in Southern Florida and Los Angeles.

*Virgil Colombo
Portland, Ore.*

More On Morals

I continue to be impressed with the quality of articles appearing in our Legion magazine. "Today's Moral Deregulation" by Charles Krauthammer (March) candidly portrays one of the major problems now facing America.

The fact that deviancy is now considered normal and what my generation considered normal is now deviant poses a real problem for me and my country. I am saddened by these changes and pray that we can halt this moral deregulation.

WE WANT YOUR OPINIONS

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I'm proud that THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE brought this subject to us. Keep it up.

*Richard H. Griesser
Appleton, Wis.*

Washington Watched

Since your March 1995 issue hit the streets, I have received many calls from the membership of J. Edgar Hoover Memorial Post 56 expressing their displeasure with Cliff Kincaid's article, "Caustic Agents" (Washington Watch, March). On behalf of Post 56, which is one of the largest in the District of Columbia Department, I want to say that Louis J. Freeh has been a supporter of the Post since he became FBI director almost two years ago. He participates in the FBI Memorial Day ceremony that is sponsored by Post 56. Not only did Director Freeh speak at the ceremony, but he posed for photographs and attended the reception following the event.

Kincaid asserts that Freeh has exercised "the indiscriminate swinging of the budget ax," but the facts should be taken into account. As you well know, the government is mandated by Congress to cut hundreds of millions of dollars from the budget. Director Freeh is doing the best at what he has been told to do by the officials to carry out this congressional mandate.

It is true that Director Freeh is a very tough director. He is even tougher on himself. Perhaps if we had more strong leaders like Freeh who lead by example, we wouldn't have half the problems we have today. Instead of writing negatives, do some research before you write and be more positive about one of our great leaders in government.

*Marcus A. Earp
Post 56 Commander
Washington, D.C.*

As a WWII veteran, Legionnaire and retired journalist, I was appalled to read February's Washington Watch item, "Military Women," by Cliff Kincaid. This was discrimination and should not be part of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE or America.

The item states that Lt. Kara Hult-
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green "crashed her F-14A jet fighter into the Pacific Ocean." A naval investigation cleared her of any fault in the crash. Anonymous phone calls, rumors, faxes and e-mail claimed she was a politically correct affirmative-action female pilot. But facts show she died because the F-14A Tomcat's engine stalled in the landing approach to the aircraft carrier. It bothers me that someone on the carrier did not want her aboard, hence the anonymous mail and calls.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE and Kincaid owe the family of Lt. Hultgreen a sincere apology for the column. She died a heroine, and I thank her for serving our country.

It's time that all military people and Legionnaires cast aside discrimination and march together toward a greater America.

*Cletus Hohn
Cushing, Minn.*

Santo Tomás

"Freeing Camp Santo Tomás," by Bill Underwood, caught my eye immediately when the March issue arrived. But after reading it, I cannot understand how you could publish an article on this subject without mentioning the 67 U.S. Army nurses who were also liberated from that camp after being held there for nearly three years. These women were shuffled from Manila where their hospitals had been heavily bombed to Bataan where two hospitals were set up under tents. Conditions worsened as casualties increased. Eventually, each hospital housed 3,000 patients.

Reinforcements had been promised by the administration but help was never sent. From there, they were evacuated to Corregidor where they set up medical facilities in a large tunnel. With the Japanese constantly bombing, it was a nightmare. Corregidor fell and the nurses became Japanese prisoners of war. Seven weeks later, they were sent to the Santo Tomás Camp until it was liberated Feb. 3, 1945.

*Mrs. Annette Powell
Chicago*

The photographs with the article, "Freeing Camp Santo Tomás,"

brought back many memories. For example, the center photo on Page 34 shows the troops of G Troop, 8th Cav., 1st Cav. Div. The balcony in the photo was later shelled by Japanese. Just inside the door was a large scale. We all weighed ourselves. As I recall, nobody was carrying any extra weight.

*James R. Wilson
Paso Robles, Calif.*

Benefit Assault

As a disabled veteran, I want to thank Fred Gardner for the victory he won for all disabled veterans ("Gardner Wins, VA Loses," March, Veterans Update). It's about time VA wakes up and takes care of all disabled veterans for a change.

*William Eli
Glenfield, N.D.*

All veterans should declare war on any politician who votes to reduce or eliminate veterans' benefits. What adds insult to injury is the fact that most of these representatives and senators who vote to decrease benefits never went to war and never fought.

*Richard S. Willis
Brockton, Mass.*

All For The Flag

I believe the Legion should continue every effort to bring about pressure on those in authority to make it a major crime to, in any way, desecrate the Stars and Stripes ("Banner Victories For Flag Campaign," April, Legion News). We do not worship a piece of cloth. We pay homage to the most respected symbol of freedom and justice in the world.

To those who show disrespect of any kind, shame! There is nothing any lower than this. Such creeps are on the same level with rapists and child molesters.

*Arthur F. Ward
Salisbury, Md.*

Flags should only be burned when damaged or old. We have a ceremony for this, but a new Flag is never burned. Our Senator, Bill Bradley, says a constitutional amendment to protect the Flag would take away our freedom of speech. Our Flag cannot speak. The only ones who can speak

out on this issue are the veterans who fought for our country and defended the red, white and blue.

I like America and I say if you don't like it here, then leave. If people like to burn Flags, then let them put the Flag over them and burn themselves, too.

*Frank Arico
Dover, N.J.*

Albert R. Dilley of Grand Rapids, Mich. ("Stars And Stripes," March, Vetvoice), seems worried that the amendment to protect the Flag would cost him the "valuable rights of free speech." He must be one of those persons who feel that if they choose to do something, they may do it in the guise of exercising their right of free speech.

Honor the Flag, don't burn it.

*Edgar H. Haynes
Plattsmouth, Neb.*

Left Behind

I was furious after reading the interview with Bill Bell ("True Lies: Inside The POW/MIA Cover-up," March). I had no idea that so many veterans have been abandoned by Washington. It is just plain criminal.

*Raymond H. Rushton
Berwyn, Ill.*

Thank You

I would like to thank all who sent me cards, letters and called while I was hospitalized from the auto accident that took the life of my wife, National Historian LaReine Maxey. Also, I would like to thank those who donated directly to the Children and Youth Foundation in her name. Any money sent to me was donated to the Children and Youth Foundation.

*Clyde W. "Bud" Maxey
Big River, Calif.*

Brush Strokes

I thought the article, "The Artist From No-Man's Land: The Triumph of Horace Pippin" (March), was interesting and informative. I'm proud to know that THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE did not overlook this great African-American veteran and artist. Thank you for sharing this part of history.

*Lee S. Johnson Jr.
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"It was something to live by day to day," says Rodgers, Oklahoma chairman for the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc. (CFA).

That flag gave him a sense of national identity and pride. And so it should for all Americans. Today, Rodgers is one of the leaders in the CFA's campaign to amend the U.S. Constitution to allow Congress and the states to pass laws that protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration.

CFA was formed in June 1994 in response to the 1989 Supreme Court ruling that flag burning is a protected form of free speech under the First Amendment. Since then, the alliance has built an impressive groundswell of support:

- CFA is a coalition of 97 national organizations representing more than 28 million people who support protecting our flag.
- Through a CFA lobbying effort, bills were introduced in the House and Senate calling for a flag-protection amendment. There are 254 cosponsors of the bill in the House and 52 in the Senate as of April 15.
- More than 2 million Americans have signed CFA petitions in support of a flag-protection amendment.
- Forty-nine state legislatures—all except Vermont—have passed memorializing resolutions asking Congress for an amendment.

Today, the Citizens Flag Alliance needs your support to keep this campaign on track. There is so much at stake that I urge all of you to decide on one way you can help protect our flag. Volunteer your time or your money. Enlist the support of your Post and your



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community. Take a stand for our flag. (For more about the CFA campaign, see Page 29)

Protecting our flag is more important than most Americans realize. "A lack of respect for our flag has caused a lack of respect for the other things that make good citizens, such as family," says Kit Gleason of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 2, Tempe, Ariz., the Arizona CFA co-chairman.

Gleason's 16-year-old daughter, Christina McGhee, took her mother's dedication to the U.S. Flag to heart. She carried petitions to her high school and got nearly 200 signatures from students and teachers in support of an amendment to protect our flag.

Not everyone shares this view of our flag and what it represents. A lack of respect for our flag seems to have caused some to have a lack of respect for those who fought under it in times of war.

One example of this attitude was the Smithsonian Institution's unacceptable handling of the Enola Gay exhibit at its National Air and Space Museum (NASM) in Washington, D.C.

NASM curators attempted to show the aircraft that dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima in a very anti-American context. They ignored the American and Japanese lives that were saved because of the bomb and how the weapon ended World War II. They also portrayed America as the aggressor and did not accurately show the brutal and unprovoked militarism of Imperial Japan.

While pressure from Congress and The American Legion rolled back these plans, current trends leave little assurance that the lack of respect for our country is a NASM phenomenon.

According to *The Washington Times*, the Clinton administration was preparing to refer to V-J (Victory over Japan) Day in terms that would be less offensive to the Japanese. Now they want to call it "End of the War in the Pacific" Day. Once again Congress and The American Legion made it clear this type of revisionism is unacceptable. There will be other battles.

The attempts to rewrite history in any way that degrades the contribution of America's veterans must not succeed. In the hearts and minds of ordinary Americans, respect for our flag and our country remains strong and unyielding.

I have seen it in my travels across the country. I have been convinced of it by the letters I receive. I know this to be true by the signatures and support that have joined the CFA and its campaign to protect our flag.

The battle to regain America's self-respect and to preserve its proud history does not end with flag protection, it begins there.

It has been said there are no extraordinary men or women. There are only extraordinary times in which ordinary men and women rise to greatness. Now is such a time.

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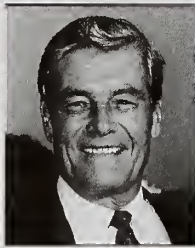


SHOULD CONGRESS END FUNDING FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING?

Rep. Philip M. Crane (R-Illinois)

With only three broadcast networks in 1967, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) was created to offer diversity and quality programming that might not have been commercially viable. Over the years, the CPB has provided funding and support for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) which has, without a doubt, produced and aired some of the finest television of the past three decades.

YES



However, in the age of CNN, The Discovery Channel and hundreds of other cable channels, consumers have hundreds of choices—not to mention widespread use of VCRs and the expanding numbers of networks and independent television stations. As a result, federal subsidies are no longer necessary to maintain diversity and quality.

The fact is, public broadcasting no longer needs public support. The system as a whole receives almost \$1.5 billion from non-federal sources, making the federal subsidy of \$272 million look puny by comparison.

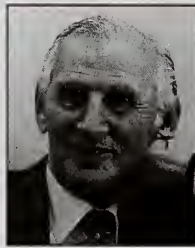
But CPB may not be managing its money efficiently. In one case, PBS provided an independent producer with \$38 million in funding. In return, it received four hours of programming—a cost of more than \$9 million an hour.

CPB has also failed to maximize returns on its programming. While CPB provided \$2.5 million to subsidize the production costs of the popular children's show, *Barney*, it received very little of the \$500 million in licensing revenues generated by the show. In fact, just 16 percent of the licensing revenues from *Barney*, *Sesame Street* and *Shining Time Station* would be equivalent to the \$272 million federal subsidy. Clearly, if CPB instituted a more uniform policy for licensing fees and received a reasonable return on its investments, it would not need to be on the federal dole.

I do not believe we can justifiably continue to support public broadcasting when we cannot afford the costs of riding our streets of crime, maintaining an able military, or providing a decent education to America's children. CPB and public broadcasting have built a financial base strong enough to survive, and indeed, thrive without federal support.

Like the popular fashions of 1967, the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is an anachronism that our overburdened federal budget could do without. ☐

Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D-Illinois)



NO

The new Republican-controlled Congress has promised to cut wasteful government spending. Not a bad idea—but in their zeal, some conservatives in Congress are calling for the abolishment of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), the government-funded entity that supports public television and radio.

I believe that certain programs are so vital to the national interest that even the smallest cuts in their budgets could greatly affect our entire country. Some of these vital programs include Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits and the CPB.

While public broadcasting benefits Americans of all ages, its real beneficiaries are the nation's children. Ask your children or grandchildren if they love *Sesame Street* or *Barney the dinosaur*. The answer will be an enthusiastic "yes." Then ask them where they learned to count and where they learned the alphabet. I guarantee it wasn't from MTV.

Public broadcasting doesn't just entertain, it educates and provides positive reinforcement for the moral values that we parents try to instill in our children. When television today is filled with such violence, how can we even think of destroying the one bright star that lights an otherwise bleak medium?

Ironically, destroying public broadcasting won't save the government much money or provide much relief to the taxpayers. If the CPB is eliminated, each American would receive a big fat tax rebate of \$1.09. Ask your grandchildren if they would rather have the one comic book their \$1.09 would buy or a year's worth of *Kermit the Frog* and the ABCs.

Some critics of public broadcasting say that the CPB is not efficient enough. These critics often hold up the example of C-Span—the cable network that airs the proceedings of the House and Senate—as a more efficient operation. Do these budget cutters really want to kill *Big Bird* and instead have our children watch Congress in action?

If the CPB is eliminated, *Big Bird* and *Barney* will be

lost forever and our children may be deprived of something far larger than high-quality, educational TV shows.

They will be cheated out of a small part of their childhood. ☐

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Not My Party

The word is out: Republican party chairman Haley Barbour has been put on notice that if the forthcoming Republican ticket includes any of the "three Ws"—pro-choice governors William Weld of Massachusetts, Pete Wilson of California, or Christine Whitman of New Jersey—social conservatives will bolt the GOP for a third party: likely the U.S. Taxpayers Party.

The Taxpayers Party was on the ballots of 21 states in 1992 and expects to be on 35 state ballots in 1996. Its leader, Howard Phillips, has been trying to convince Pat Buchanan to go the third-party route if he fails to get the GOP presidential nod. Supporters of Buchanan, a pro-life Catholic, are miffed that wealthy and influential Catholics like former Treasury Secretary William Simon and Lew Lehrman are backing Texas Sen. Phil Gramm.

Popular religious broadcaster James Dobson and former Reagan aide Gary Bauer could join the third-party effort if the GOP waters down its 1996 pro-life platform.

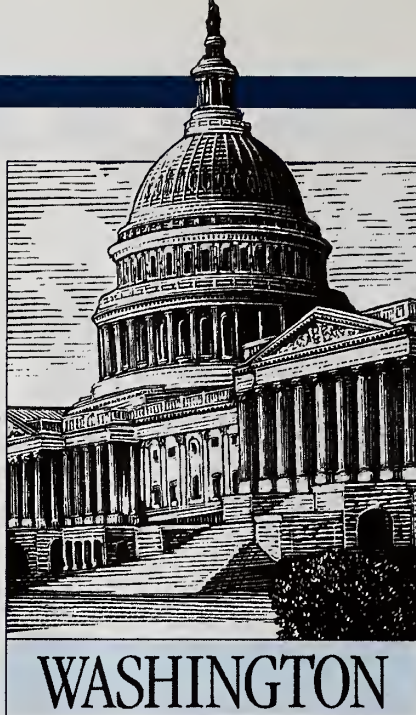
Meanwhile, on the Democratic side: Although Robert Casey, the former Pennsylvania governor barred from giving a pro-life speech at the 1992 convention, now denies any plans to challenge President Clinton for the top slot on the Democratic ticket, he has not ruled out a third-party effort.

Oil + Dope = Mess

Waves continue to be made within the walls of Sen. Jesse Helms' Foreign Relations Committee. In the latest flap, former energy czar Donald Hodel warned during a hearing that Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, the reputed successor to ailing King Fahd, leans toward Moslem fundamentalism and is "openly and intensely anti-American." Alleging corruption in the royal family, Hodel also envisioned a "civil war" upon the King's death that could halt oil production.

Aside from worrying about keeping the oil flowing in, Helms' committee also grapples with keeping the drugs out. Their specific concern is Colombia. In a special report, staffers urge Helms to pursue the diplomatic action known as "decertification"—a prelude to cut-

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WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

ting off all foreign aid—because of Colombia's failure to cooperate with the United States in fighting drugs.

The political fallout, some analysts say, is that hearings into Colombia's status as a "narco-democracy" will implicate Mexico as a transit point for Colombian cocaine. That also could focus attention on the role the NAFTA trade agreement plays in facilitating the flow of drugs into the United States.

House Divided

Having overwhelmed Democratic resistance to the bulk of their much-touted agenda during the first 100 days, House conservatives now are setting their sights on a less publicized foe—their own more moderate party-mates. The so-called "Lunch Bunch" of GOP moderates is about to be confronted head-on by a formal group of more than 30 hard-charging ultraconservative lawmakers promoting a "subcontract with America" that tackles social issues.

Nor are the ultraconservatives particularly worried about running afoul of Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has been trying to keep the peace between GOP factions. One conservative, Rep. Steve Stockman of Texas, is picking up support in a determined bid to bring about a vote on his bill to cancel the \$49.8 billion Mexican bailout deal. Gingrich

"doesn't want a vote," says a Stockman aide, but Stockman is nevertheless determined to get one—even if he has to force it to the floor through a special petition.

Patriotism Channel?

Would you watch *Covert Warriors*, a show about America's elite military units? Or *Dumbing Down America*, on misguided educational reform? What about such classic, uplifting war flicks as *Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo*? The America National Network (ANN), a proposed basic cable channel touting patriotism, is betting you will.

Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub, a board member of the fledgling network, tells THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE he expects to be on-air by early 1996.

ANN's mission statement says to: "fulfill the yearnings of American citizens to once again enjoy the stability and peace of mind reflected by a society rooted in the traditional values and standards...upon which our nation was founded and has flourished." The network hopes to raise millions by selling shares to the public at \$1 each. About \$1 million has been raised so far.

Frankly Speaking

When you've spent years as the lone openly homosexual member of Congress, it can be disconcerting to know that the gay community's foremost lobbying group is run by an admitted Marxist who, in her last civic post, was accused of racial and ethnic insensitivity as well as mismanaging public funds. But that is exactly the dilemma faced by Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts now that the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has appointed Melinda Paras as its director.

Paras' ascension to NGLTF comes after a stint as a Marxist organizer in Cuba and her 1993 resignation-under-fire from San Francisco's Shanti Project, an AIDS support group. During her tenure at Shanti, the organization was rocked by scandal over the misuse of hundreds of thousands of municipal dollars. Meantime, Paras herself was accused of racism by black leaders and anti-Semitism by members of the Jewish community.

Many wonder how successful she can be at garnering good press—and contributions—for her new agency. Frank wants Paras out because of her Marxist connection. □

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ANOTHER AMERICAN LEAGUE—A 23-year-old Ted Williams is sworn in as a naval aviation cadet by Lt. F.T. Donahue.

They Went To Bat For Uncle Sam

Thousands of ballplayers, entertainers, and other celebrities put careers on hold to answer their nation's call in World War II.

AMONG the hordes of everyday patriots who enlisted in the U.S. Armed Forces in the wake of Dec. 7, 1941, was one of the few men in history able to throw a baseball at speeds approaching 100 mph. Twenty-three-year-old "Rapid Robert"

Feller, as he was dubbed by sportswriters, traded his pitching rotation with the up-and-coming Cleveland Indians for his duty to a nation up in arms over Pearl Harbor.

The 4,000 major- and minor-league ballplayers who joined Bob Feller in battle over the next four years were representative of the myriad celebrities from all arenas of sports and entertainment who gave their time and effort in service to America during World War

II. Many of them put their lives on the line through military service. Many others made contributions of a more indirect nature—as in the case of the \$75 Jack Benny violin that fetched a fast \$1 million in a wartime auction.

But whether the contribution was made at sea or on stage, whether it consisted of toting guns or telling gags, American celebrities were more than willing to forego the limelight to join in the nation's march toward victory.

Pitching In

Aside from Feller, the baseball greats who temporarily hung up

their spikes included Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Hank Greenberg, Harry Walker and Kirby Higbe. Greenberg, the American League Most Valuable Player in 1940, made his exit in style: He belted two homeruns in his farewell game before induction.

Professional athletes went to war knowing they had the most to lose through battlefield mishap—and indeed, some rising stars were unable to regain their pre-WWII form.

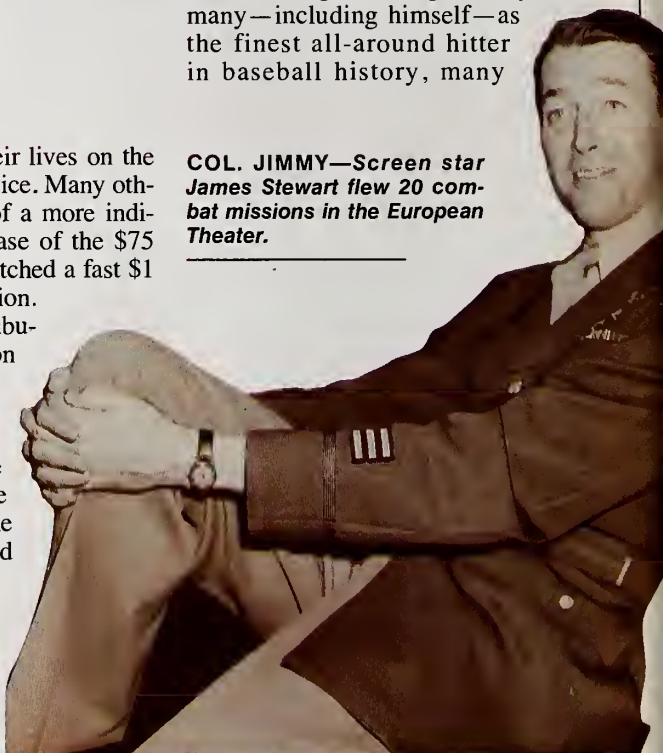
Cecil Travis, a .359 hitter in the season before his 1941 enlistment, never had another good year after suffering severely frost-bitten feet in the Battle of the Bulge.

Hugh Crowley, a young Yankees pitcher of exceptional promise, lost his eyesight in fierce Pacific fighting just two months before the war ended.

Even for those who avoided disability, the interruption in their careers took its toll. Statisticians have determined that Feller might have compiled an astounding 370 victories, 3,600 strikeouts and five no-hitters had he spent 1942-1945 throwing baseballs instead of loading anti-aircraft shells on the battleship *USS Alabama*.

Williams lost nearly five seasons to military service, counting his re-up in Korea. Though he is regarded by many—including himself—as the finest all-around hitter in baseball history, many

COL. JIMMY—Screen star James Stewart flew 20 combat missions in the European Theater.



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observers maintain that if Williams hadn't missed those years, the issue would be beyond dispute.

This does not mean he harbors regrets about his hitch in the Marines, which produced several decorations for meritorious service as a combat pilot. "We in America have a tendency to build sports up to so much more than it really is," Williams told biographer Tom Underwood. "We talk about teamwork and do-or-die situations and pressure and all that.

"Let me tell you, when you're over enemy territory and you and your crew are doing everything you can to bring the plane back in one piece, *that's* teamwork. *That's* do or die. And in many ways there's no substitute for the excitement of the experience," said Williams.

Having the ballplayers around was also great for the morale of the regulars. Not only were athletes in uniform living reminders of the joy of life back home, they were also an implicit message that no one in America was "too privileged or too special to fight," as beloved Red Sox owner Tom Yawkey once put it.

Hooray for Hollywood

By March 1943, more than 27,000 members of the motion picture industry were in uniform. As was the case with baseball, no star was too special to defend America. Or too old, for that matter.

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Power and George C. Scott, who would eventually portray Gen. George Patton.

Navy: Eddie Albert, Raymond Burr, Tony Curtis, Gene Kelly, Jack Lemmon, Jason Robards Jr., Robert Stack, Rod Steiger and Robert Taylor.

Coast Guard: Sid Caesar, Victor Mature and Buddy Ebsen.

Air Force: Gene Autry, Charles Bronson, Jackie Coogan, Charlton Heston, Alan Ladd, Walter Matthau, Burgess Meredith, Robert Preston and Jack Webb.

Merchant Marine: Carroll O'Connor and

Cliff Robertson.

Army: Art Carney, William Holden, Burt Lancaster, Karl Malden, Robert Mitchum, Sidney Poitier, Tony Randall, Carl Reiner, Will Rogers, Mickey Rooney, Red Skelton, Eli Wallach—and a young man with political ambitions, named Ronald Reagan.

After the war, art imitated life as many stars returned to Hollywood to recreate their combat roles. Lancaster, Mitchum, Holden, Ladd, Heston and others all made noteworthy appearances in war movies. Fonda won an Academy Award for his brilliant theatrical work

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They Went To Bat For Uncle Sam

Gone with the Wind, heart-throb Clark Gable—technically past the official enlistment age limit of 41—signed up anyway, and attained the temporary rank of major in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Henry Fonda reached the rank of lieutenant in the Navy.

James Stewart eventually became an Army Air Corps colonel and recipient of a Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired as an Air Force Reserve brigadier general in 1959.

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Pain

By Steve Salerno

DEBRA CAN always feel a migraine coming on. All the cues are there: The so-called "aura"—that sense of mild disorientation and slight blurriness in her peripheral vision. The hot, pulsing sensation above her left eyebrow. The queasiness that accompanies each pulse, building to a violent nausea once the headache is full-blown.

When this happened three years ago, Debra would have to call in sick and load her system with narcotics. The drugs provided some relief, but they didn't work if the headache came on quickly.

These days, instead of reaching for a pill, Debra reaches for a blindfold. For 15 minutes she sits quietly with her eyes covered, calling to mind the characteristic sensations she feels when her headaches are about to subside. (Just as migraine sufferers know when a headache's coming, they can also usually tell when it's about to let up.)

Through a technique known as biofeedback, Debra has learned to "will" those sensations to appear, thus short-circuiting the headache.

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Carl has just undergone major abdominal surgery. He begins to

Steve Salerno is editor of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

It Doesn't Have To Hurt

By tracking pain to its source, medical researchers have developed new relief for migraines, ulcers and arthritis.



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PAIN LESS—Dr. Kenneth Shandell of San Diego believes alternative treatments must be explored, but traditional remedies, like drugs, still have a place in the medicine cabinet.



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In Carl's case, there will be none of those maddening arguments over whether it's "too soon" since his last shot. That's because the button Carl presses is attached directly to an *infusion pump* which allows a controlled dose of a potent narcotic to be dripped into his IV. Thanks to this "patient-controlled analgesia," or PCA, Carl sleeps soundly for hours. When he awakens with discomfort, he doses himself again.

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Ted recently had an operation to correct Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, a painful condition caused by repetitive wrist and hand movements. Unfortunately, the operation itself left him with a nagging burning sensation in his forearm that would be intolerable, were it not for the 5-amp electrical charges fired into the affected nerves by a sending unit implanted in his back.

Doctors theorize that the tiny jolts somehow set up an electrical roadblock between Ted's wrist and the spinal cord, preventing many of the pain impulses from getting through.

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The names may be fictitious, but the aforementioned individuals represent thousands of Americans benefiting from a quiet revolution involving one of mankind's oldest nemeses: Pain. Put simply, medical science has come to see pain as a *system* instead of a symptom. Although slow in coming, this revolution is revamping age-old notions about pain—not just what it is, but how it works and should be treated.

This is exceptionally good news for the estimated 80 million habitual pain sufferers in America—more than a third of the U.S. population. While the National Institutes of Health (NIH) says that 40 million Americans suffer from chronic, debilitating pain, the figure is obviously conservative since arthritis alone is believed to afflict 37 million

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Americans. Considering that only 2 percent of these sufferers can be expected to resume their full work schedules without effective treatment, pain costs the American economy perhaps \$90 billion a year.

Historically, doctors viewed pain as an inevitable nuisance that goes away once the underlying problem is dealt with. This perception was based on the familiar "hot stove" model: You touch the stove, and an instant later you feel the pain. Thus pain was merely an alarm bell going off—an unpleasant sensory "report" originating at the site of injury then traveling along a special pathway up the spinal cord to the brain.

That simplistic view of pain has always begged several questions:

Why does the site of pain sometimes differ from the site of injury—often the case with heart patients?

Why would people feel intense pain despite the apparent lack of an associated medical condition?

How could a soldier wounded in combat fail to notice his injury until after the battle?

Why would a patient undergoing dental work require no anesthetic if he's listening to a stereo headset?

And what about so-called "phantom pains" felt in limbs long ago lost?

The answer to these riddles is that pain is much more than the "one-way" event envisioned in the hot stove scenario. The processing of pain signals has just recently been found to occur at various sites throughout the brain. Such factors as mood, overall physical condition, background circumstances, past experience and the like are thrown into the mix. Scientists also have found a pathway from the central nervous system back to the site of injury. Along this pathway, a variety of neurological or chemical events clarify, modify or entirely blot out pain messages. Chief among the chemicals are *endorphins*, the body's own potent painkillers.

Also involved is another group of body substances, *prostaglandins*, believed to heighten both inflammation and the perception of pain. This was demonstrated in a study in which people who had never experienced migraine headaches suddenly developed all the classic symptoms when they

were injected with a prostaglandin.

"Clearly pain is not an isolated, fleeting sensation, but the product of a fantastic, integrated system every bit as complex as those that govern digestion or heart rate," says NIH neurologist and chief pain expert Dr. Ronald Dubner.

ALAS, the medical establishment as a whole seems to be just awakening to the fact that pain can be a major component of disease—or even a disease in its own right. "Pain [is] undertreated, underrecognized, mishandled and misdiagnosed," declares Dr. Kenneth Casey, professor of physiology at the University of Michigan Medical School.

Studies show that post-operatively, when doctors administer painkillers at certain intervals—for example, every four hours—most patients endure significant pain between doses. Similarly, chronic pain is a constant companion to about half of all cancer patients. And it wasn't until March 1992 that the venerable U.S. Public Health Service released its first formal guidelines that decreed every patient has an absolute right to pain relief.

But *how* do you relieve it, especially chronic pain—pain that lasts longer than six months? Often there is no satisfactory explanation for it, as in the case of millions who suffer from low-back pain, despite batteries of tests that

are unable to identify any discernible medical problem. "We're seeing that there are many people where we've apparently fixed the underlying condition but they still have the pain," says San Diego pain specialist Dr. Kenneth Shandell.

"The likely explanation is that the body's pain system has been turned on and does not know how to turn itself off," Dr. Patrick Wall, a British anatomist and one of the world's leading pain experts, said in a recent interview.

Such occurrences are all the more sobering from a medical standpoint because unrelieved pain can set in motion a snowballing series of other problems. It can:

- interfere with your ability to eat or sleep, thus further complicating recovery. This can lead to anxiety or depression.
- activate the fight-or-flight mechanism. For cardiac patients, the elevated pulse rate can be disastrous.

- impede recuperation by preventing people from getting up and walking around. In elderly patients, this increases the likelihood of pneumonia, blood clots and other serious secondary conditions.

- impair the workings of the immune system. Patients in pain are more susceptible to infection.

New findings from NIH also suggest that severe pain makes the central nervous system hypersensitive, causing the afflicted individual to feel subsequent pains even more strongly. Of equal note is current research on phantom pain. Scientists now believe that although shock or blackout may prevent someone from feeling the excruciating pain of the limb's loss, that pain is recorded in the brain nonetheless. Thus, phantom pains are really "pain flashbacks" to an experience which failed to register at the conscious level.

For pain experts, the upshot of all this is that severe pain impulses must be intercepted before they reach the brain. NIH's Dubner regards it as essential to "eliminate pain as soon as possible so that the [pain memories] don't become permanent."

Pain control, however, has always been hampered by the stigma attached to street drugs. This climate began to change after a landmark 1990 North

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Pain



YEEOUCH—Chronic pain, defined as that which lasts longer than six months, has been a mystery. Some doctors now believe it occurs because of "pain memories" which do not allow the body's pain system to turn off.

'Out-Rushing Rush'

A new generation of black talk-radio hosts is challenging the assumptions of the welfare state with a fervor that would make Limbaugh himself blush.



black liberal politicians

By Robert McGarvey

O CHALLENGE you, sir, to name *one* major American city that has prospered socially and economically under black liberal leadership. Name just one," says the booming male voice on the radio. He lets the air fill with pregnant silence for a moment, then explodes: "You *cannot* do it because there are none! I know. I've been asking that question on the air for three years and no one can name

a city!"

Vintage Rush
Limbaugh? Gordon Liddy?

No, the audacious challenge comes from one Ken Hamblin, the self-proclaimed "Black Avenger" of talk radio. In syndication just a few months, Hamblin already is heard on 60 stations nationwide, from Winchester,

Va., to San Francisco. He's not alone, either. Today a new and heretofore unrecognized phenomenon—the black conservative talk show host—is proliferating on American air waves. Their

"They don't want to
liberate their people.

They want to maintain
their constituencies."

likes include Alan Keyes, host of *America's Wake-Up Call* on WCBM in Owings Mills, Md., who has entered

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the race for the Republican nomination for President. And their verbal venom is enough to make the Limbaughs and Liddys seem tame by comparison.

More Hamblin: "Whites have done all they can for blacks. We have been given the opportunity to stand and fall as real men and women. If we don't take the lead now, it won't be the fault of white people."

Listen to the spiel of Armstrong Williams, who is heard on Washington, D.C.'s WAVA-FM and 20 other stations across America: "The black community's liberal establishment for decades has focused on only one thing—white racism. Where has that led us? The ghettoized black urban subculture is growing and it is fueled by government gratuity. Drugs are a problem of epidemic proportion. Black-on-black violence has left neighborhoods in a state of fear. Let me tell you: A preoccupation with white racism fosters black racism. Far too many blacks now are content to blame racism for their problems."

Robert McGarvey's most recent article for this magazine was "Office Etiquette For The 90s" in the January 1995 issue.

Out west in Los Angeles, Larry Elder anchors the 8 to 11 night shift on KABC-AM with his own special brand of incendiary patter. In one of America's most bitterly competitive markets, Elder has slugged his way to the top 10 in ratings in less than a year: "When Susan Smith falsely blamed her children's murder on blacks, I said that was reprehensible. But I added: Why was she readily believed? Is it because America is racist? Half of all street crime is committed by blacks. And *that*, not racism, is why she was believed. When I see a group of Japanese teenagers walking down the street, I am not concerned. If I see black teenagers, I *am* concerned. What does that make me? A racist?"

This much is sure: It makes him controversial—him, and Hamblin and Williams, and the other imitators now popping up in smaller markets coast to coast. Even Chuck Green, editorial page editor of the *Denver Post*, which publishes a newspaper column by Ken Hamblin twice weekly, voices concern about Hamblin's "increasingly acerbic" tone. "If you listened to him three years

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ago and listened to him today," says Green, "you couldn't help but agree with me." That doesn't stop Green from printing Hamblin's opinions for purely bottom-line reasons. "He's in the top three in terms of reader mail," says Green, who guesses that, despite Hamblin's acid tongue, such feedback runs "50-50 pro and con."

Indeed, part of the reason why black hosts are filling the airwaves is because they mirror the restive mood of a nation that's fed up with street crime, bureau-

cratic waste and so-called "flexible" moral standards. A 1993 Times Mirror Company poll found that among regular talk show listeners, people who identify themselves as "conservative" outnumber those who identify themselves as "liberal" by a 2-to-1 margin. Thus more conservative hosts, regardless of color, are winning radio time slots.

In addition, the notion that blacks and conservatism don't mix has been revealed as fallacy. "There have always been black conservatives," says Raynard Jackson, Washington bureau chief for *National Minority Politics*. "Look at the public opinion polls. Many, many blacks are church-going people with very conservative views on moral issues." Adds Emanuel McLittle, publisher of *Destiny*, a magazine for black conservatives, "Listen to these hosts and to Justice Clarence Thomas and what you are hearing is old-fashioned common sense."

Still, there may be particular reasons why Hamblin and company suddenly are surfacing on radio. "As more black Americans are 'making it,' they are no longer interested in the same old media, and the new black talk shows definitely appeal to them," says Brent Baker, editor of Washington, DC-based *Media Watch*. McLittle adds, "There's a yearning for a different voice in the black community."

Different is an understatement. Many of the hosts come out with remarks that make Newt Gingrich sound like a Marxist.

Consider Hamblin's denunciation of liberals as "egg-sucking dogs." Or Larry Elder's take on welfare: "Let's *eliminate* it, not reform it. We should set a date, and afterwards, if you are able-bodied, you get diddlysquat from the government." He adds, "If a boy and girl lay down with each other and have a kid, that is their responsibility and the responsibility of their families. That's the way it used to be. Which is why we didn't have that much of it."

Williams is no less direct

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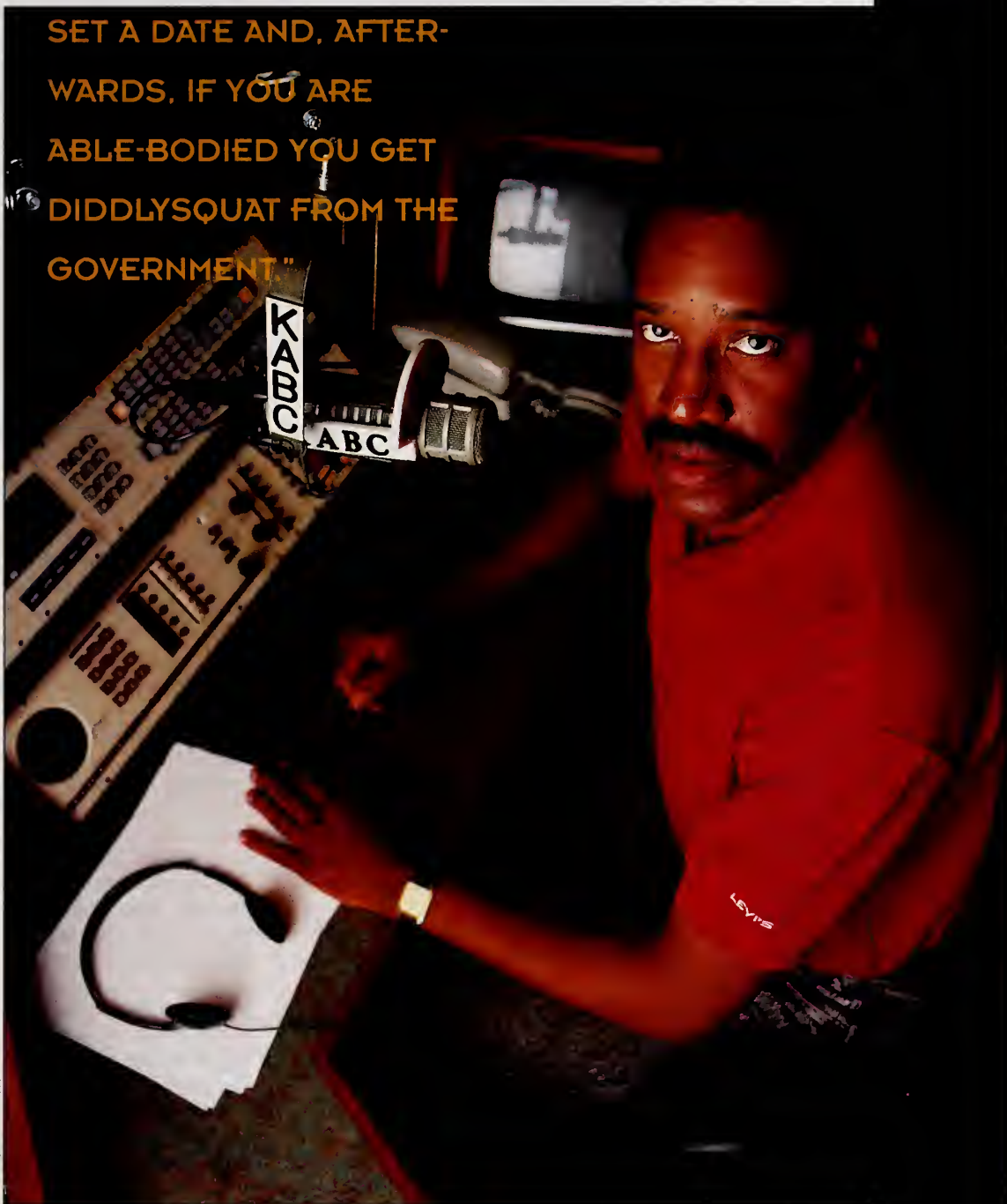
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on the nation's affirmative action laws: "That's just a different shade of Jim Crow. It is contrary to all the rhetoric about equality its proponents adore. If you are willing to be treated as a second-class citizen, you want to keep affirmative action in place. Affirmative action says that minorities cannot get to where they are on their own merits. They need a leg up to climb the ladder. And that is not the case for me or for many others who are willing to work hard."

If the black hosts seem even
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JURIES ON TRIAL

They come up with wild verdicts, ignore laws and sometimes are plainly incompetent. Still, the jury is the cornerstone of the American justice system. And, there's always hope....

IS IT time to put an end to trial by jury? Although the right to such a trial is specified in the Constitution, juries lately are rendering some incomprehensible verdicts—from the \$2.9 million awarded to a woman who sued McDonald's after she injured herself by spilling coffee she claimed was too hot, to the contradictory verdicts reached by a pair of different Los Angeles panels in the Rodney King police-brutality trials. This kind of legal disarray is not surprising, given a 1989 American Bar Association study, which portrayed the typical juror as confused, bored and frustrated.

"The jury system is in trouble," concedes Stephen J. Adler, legal editor for *The Wall Street Journal* and author of *The Jury: Trial and Error in the American Courtroom*. In only one of a number of trials covered in his book did the jury's verdict make clear sense, says Adler. And yet, he regards the jury system as a cornerstone of American democracy. "No matter how badly the jury system is working—and it is working badly—it is better than the alternatives," he says.

In a recent interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, Adler identifies the flaws in the jury system and offers fixes that could help make it what our forefathers envisioned.

AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: Why do you believe Americans have lost faith in the jury system?

STEPHEN ADLER: We've had several highly publicized cases where the public feels it knows the facts, but the jury rules differently. The Rodney King case, for instance. We

all saw the videotape, but the first jury nonetheless voted to acquit the police officers. Verdicts like that have left the public cynical about the system. Many verdicts are shoddy. Some are patently stupid. And the public has a visceral sense that the process has been corrupted.

The fact is, juries often are far removed from the ideal of putting 12 people together—a cross-section of the community—and letting them battle it out. Jury composition is skillfully manipulated today and that's a big reason for some of the verdicts we see.

Q. What do you mean when you say juries are manipulated?

A. Jury selection often purposely eliminates the most qualified jurors. In covering the Imelda Marcos trial [wherein the onetime First Lady of the Philippines was tried in U.S. federal court for looting her nation's treasury], I saw many prospective jurors who might have understood the issues in this complex case removed from the jury pool. The jurors who were allowed to serve didn't comprehend the complicated financial issues and they let their verdict be driven by misplaced sympathy for the defendant. And she was acquitted, despite a strong prosecution case.

Q. How do attorneys eliminate the more capable jurors from the pool?

A. Through skillful use of peremptory challenges that allow an attorney to dismiss a potential juror without having a legitimate reason. Each side in a case is given a number of these free challenges—usually four to eight, but the number can go much higher. In the O. J. Simpson trial each side had 20.



Peremptory challenges were intended to allow lawyers to exercise hunches about jurors who couldn't be fair. In practice, they often are used to remove the very people who are fair-minded and to weight the jury with people who can be manipulated or already are likely to favor the side that's exercising the challenge.

Trial lawyers with weak cases won't win if the jury is conscientious, but they may win if the jury consists of those who are easily confused and readily swayed by their feelings.

Juries tilted in that direction are far removed from our ideal of 12 impartial people meting out justice. That's why I believe a first step in jury reform is to ban peremptory challenges.

Q. Is that feasible?

A. The British Parliament did it in 1988. However, we're much less likely to do it legislatively because lawyers have much more influence in our country—and trial lawyers are dead set against it. Take away peremptories and you're taking away a significant weapon in their arsenal. So I think the best chance we have is for the Supreme Court to ban them.

And there are signs the court is moving in this direction. It has barred race as a factor in making peremptory challenges and lately has barred gender. The court seems to be moving category by category, telling lawyers they cannot discriminate. I think the court eventually will recognize

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HIGHLIGHTS

Stephen J. Adler On...

Jury duty: "The jury system isn't worth having unless the whole community is required to serve. Jury duty ought to be the equivalent of military service in wartime."

Power of juries: "Juries also are a check against big government. Government can pass a law, but if the jury doesn't like it, it doesn't have to enforce it."

Quality of juries: "Trial lawyers with weak cases...may win if the jury consists of those who are easily confused and readily swayed by their feelings."

The Simpson case: "Trials don't have to be this long. The judge can tell the lawyers they have one day to examine a witness, not nine."



○ DIFFERENT NAME—
The KGB is now called the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service, but its director, Yevgeny Primakov (left), has strong ties to the old espionage regime.

○ SAME GAME—
Espionage remains an important part of Russia's plan to continue using spies, like Aldrich Ames and his wife, Rosario, in their aggressive information-gathering efforts.

Russia's New Spy Network

The Cold War may be over, but Russia remains determined as ever to learn America's most sensitive secrets.





By Martin Ebon

ON a sunny spring day in April 1994, Aldrich H. Ames stood in front of a federal judge in Alexandria, Va., and was sentenced to prison for the rest of his life. "Rick" Ames had pleaded guilty to spying on the CIA—first for the KGB (the Soviet Committee of State Security), and then for its successor agency, the Russian Foreign Intelligence Service. According to the FBI, Ames' activities caused the execution of at least 10 Russians who had been working as American agents.

Much of the U.S. public and some its leadership reacted with shock when it heard that Moscow had paid Ames more than \$2.5 million for his treachery. Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas reflected the nationwide outrage when he said, "The American people don't understand why we give aid on the one hand, and allow this to happen on the other. They felt we had a new relationship [with the Soviets]."

But the fact is, that new relationship between the United States and Russia, which began with enthusiastic receptions for former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and continued with Russia's President Boris Yeltsin, never did result in an end to Moscow's traditional spying operations.

As U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, "We don't have illusions about the Russians. We understand that the intelligence service may have changed its name—but it has probably not changed its method of operation."

For a time following the abortive coup against Gorbachev in August 1991, it looked as if the much-feared KGB might become a thing of the past. Anti-KGB feelings ran high. One KGB public relations officer, Andrei Oligov, said later that "to soothe public unrest and prevent the lynching of KGB peo-

ple, the vandalizing of buildings and the plundering of archives, it was decided that the [Committee of State Security] would be quickly disbanded and split into independent departments."

Kremlin leaders appointed a known KGB antagonist, Vadim Bakatin, to either liquidate the agency or purge it of its notorious traditions. While Bakatin demanded that the KGB abandon its domestic secret police operations, he stopped well short of dismantling the agency's worldwide espionage network.

According to Prof. Amy Knight, Russian specialist at the Library of Congress, Moscow's foreign-espionage machine is now "leaner but actually



BLOOD MONEY— Ames bought this house with the \$2.5 million Russia gave him for information that led to the deaths of 10 U.S. agents.

meaner" than before. Similarly, a Heritage Foundation position paper, "Forging a U.S.-Russian Partnership," concludes

that, despite superficial reorganizations and the KGB's new "facade," the agency's structure and personnel are "drawn primarily from that of its Soviet predecessor."

A particular case in point is longtime KGB foreign espionage director Leonid Shebarshin, now a chief consultant. Shebarshin represents the Cold War view of intelligence gathering, which holds that clandestine activities must continue if Russia is to maintain its status as a superpower. In his rhetoric there are ominous overtones of a return to the belligerent nationalism of days gone by. Shebarshin told the newspaper *Rossiskaya Gazeta*, "the day will come when Russia will be strong, when it will be in a position to carry out a genuinely dynamic and indepen-

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BETTMANN

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Yesterday she was chosen to hold the flag
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Her teacher told her she had earned that privilege.
She was proud to tell her parents.

Today she saw a person burn a flag
to attract attention.
She asked her teacher if
burning a flag was right or wrong.

The teacher had to tell her
that it used to be a bad thing,
but some important people in Washington
said now it's okay.

She went home confused.
Her parents decided that
it was time to get involved.

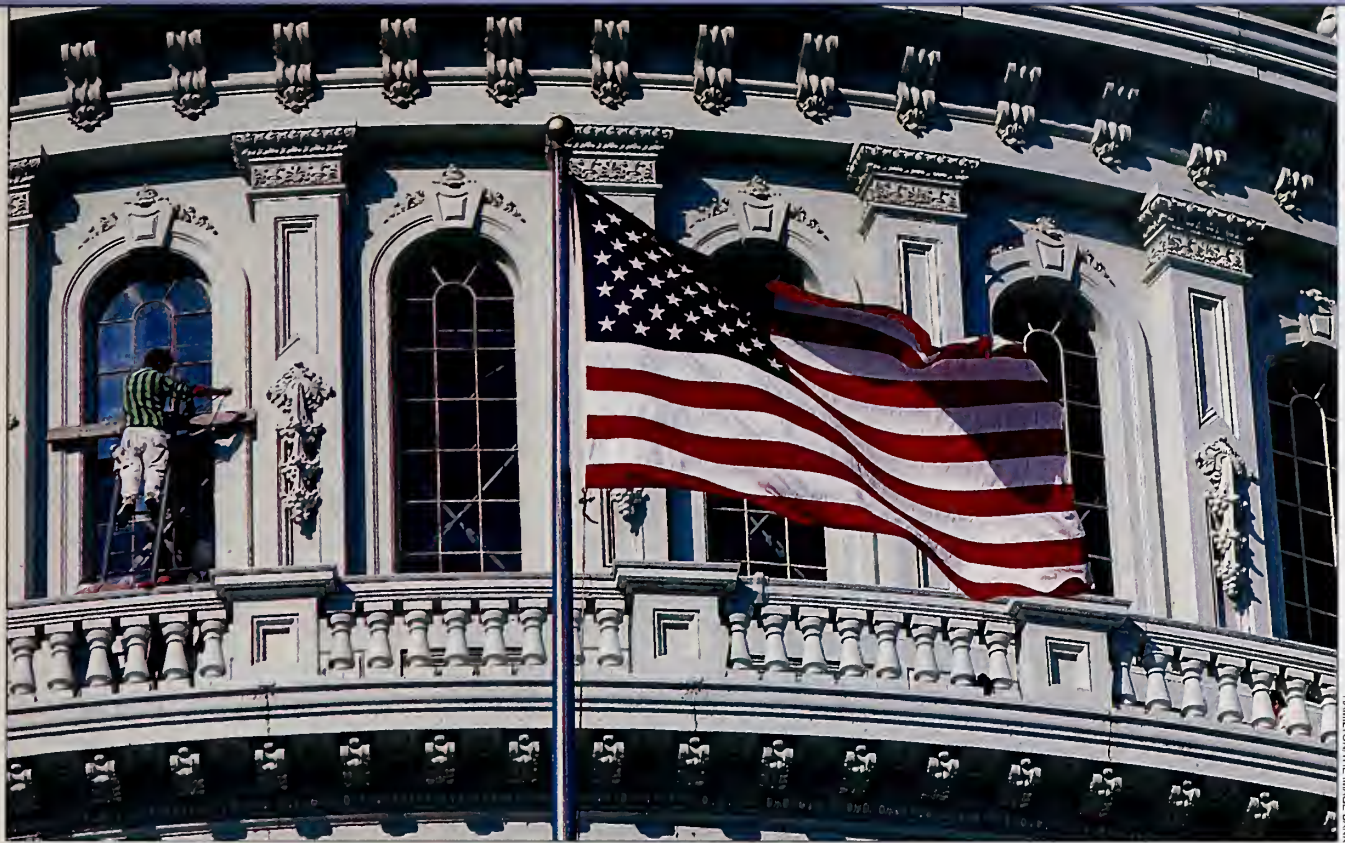
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It's Time To **PROTECT OUR FLAG**



*Every Legionnaire
needs to get involved
in the campaign to
win a constitutional
amendment to protect
our country's flag.*

By Daniel S. Wheeler

EVERYONE talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it," Mark Twain once said. The same may be true for the Citizens Flag Alliance (CFA)—everyone talks about it, but too few actually do anything.

The heart of the CFA is the good people who support our goal of getting a constitutional amendment to protect our flag from physical desecration.

But the lifeblood of the CFA is those dedicated individuals—such as you—who not only talk about protecting our flag, but also work at it, sign up new members, regularly gather signatures on CFA petitions, call and write their members of Congress about this issue, donate their money, and

take the time to educate, train and encourage others to become active in this campaign.

Why?

Everywhere we go, people say they're with us—and they want to see a constitutional amendment passed.

So why don't we already have every member of Congress on the record?

Why don't we have the phones ringing off the hook in every congressional district office?

Why isn't the Capitol Hill mail room flooded with letters from people who want their members of Congress to pass a flag-protection amendment?

Why isn't the money to finance this

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JIM RODGERS
Okla. CFA chairman

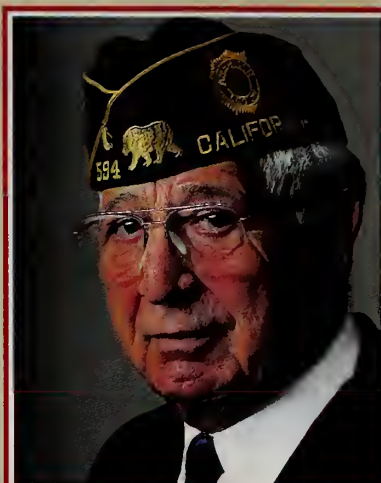
"As World War II POWs, we would put pieces of cloth together to make our own flags. It was something to live by day to day. We must respect and protect our flag."



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KIT GLEASON
Ariz. CFA co-chairman

"A lack of respect for our flag has caused a lack of respect for the other things that make good citizens, such as family. I'm proud to be part of the CFA."



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GEORGE SINOPOLI
Calif. CFA chairman

"The flag is a symbol of honor and country and it deserves our respect. Men and women died for our flag and now it's our duty to defend and protect it."

campaign pouring into the CFA headquarters offices?

There are probably a lot of reasons that sound good. And some of them are fairly plausible. Our opponents would claim the primary reason was tied directly to lack of concern about the issue.

I'm not buying that.

I submit that the real reason has absolutely nothing to do with any individual's personal belief in the importance of this issue. It has absolutely nothing to do with any individual's dedication, or intensity of feeling, or concern, or lack of good intentions, or any other excuses I've heard.

I submit that—more than anything else—it has to do with the belief that, somehow, this job will get done without their help. And that's a belief that saps the heart out of more good ideas, and destroys more worthwhile initiatives, than any other supposition known to man.

We call it "apathy"—individual, personal apathy.

Apathy

Apathy, in its simplest form, is the belief that we are not individually and

personally responsible for the outcome of a matter of general importance.

But we are.

By our decision to get involved—or not get involved—we each help determine the outcome of *every* matter of general importance.

Edmund Burke described the phenomenon so well:



ONE MORE TO GO!

OREGON, WASHINGTON and HAWAII have become the 47th, 48th and 49th states, respectively, to pass memorializing resolutions to protect the flag from physical desecration. Vermont is the only state not to do so.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

When we look at society today and we see so many things that are contrary to our sense of decency and morality, are we witnessing the result of people not caring?

Surely not. We all care. What we are witnessing is the result of people not getting personally involved in mat-

ters of general importance: good men and women doing nothing.

Aren't we all citizens of the United States? Doesn't our flag stand for everything that is good and moral about our country? And in our hearts, don't we all care about our flag and want to see it protected from those who would violently dishonor it?

Of course we do.

So, how can we honestly say we care about this matter of general importance, and at the same time just sit on the sideline?

"The hottest places in hell," wrote Dante, "are reserved for those, who in time of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."

Remember Pogo? "We have met the enemy, and he is us."

In our efforts to gain passage of the flag-protection amendment, the opponents are not our enemy—their numbers are too few. The enemy is individual, personal apathy.

Responsibility

And the only way we can conquer apathy is by accepting personal responsibility to get a job done. Unfor-

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The Faces INSIDE A FLAG FACTORY

THE HUM of sewing machines fills the air inside the Colonial Flag Company in Coshocton, Ohio. The 60 workers at the factory, 80 miles east of Columbus, feel they do more than just punch a time clock to earn a living.

Their hands create the most recognizable symbol of freedom anywhere in the world: the U.S. Flag.

"I feel that when I'm making flags that I'm serving our country," says Cheryl Butler, who has worked at the flag factory for almost nine years.

Many at Colonial share Butler's feelings.

"I'm very proud of my job," says Kelly Pugh, an eight-year employee. "There's a sense of pride in what I do. When I work on flags, I think about those who have served."

During the Gulf War, the flag took on even more meaning for her. In 1991, as Pugh cut the long strips of white and red, she would think about her brother, Gary Poth, who was serving in the Navy on the submarine *USS Alaska*. "When I'd look at the flag, my thoughts were on him and the others over there."

The factory frequently worked overtime during Desert Storm to fill a deluge of orders. Pugh and others say that was one of the proudest times at the factory. The flag-makers at Colonial are equally proud of the quality they put into their product—double hems, and more time and effort than foreign manufacturers of flags.

The flags start as huge bolts of red, white and blue cloth. The red and white cloths are sliced into individual strips and sewn together. Fields of blue are then cut, and stars are sewn on and pieced onto the stripes. After the edging and label are attached, the flags are folded and packed. Colonial, a subsidiary of Annin & Co., produces thousands of flags each week.

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AMERICAN PRIDE—When workers at the Colonial Flag Company in Coshocton, Ohio, sew together a U.S. Flag, they know they're assembling more than just a piece of cloth.

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The company's flags are everywhere: the U.S. Capitol, state houses, post offices, stadiums and outside of hundreds of thousands of American homes.

"My son's real proud of my job," says Butler. "He doesn't think twice about telling people where his mom works. He's like me. When he sees a flag, he wonders if it's one I made."

Says employee Julie Darr: "Every time I hear the Star-Spangled Banner, I get goose bumps. I never tire of seeing the flag."

Like other Colonial employees, Darr says it "makes her blood boil"

to see a "made in Taiwan" label on a U.S. Flag.

"We've got other countries making our flag and people in this country burning it," says Darr. "Our flag needs to be protected."

Others at Colonial ardently agree:

"It should be against the law for someone to burn the flag," says Pugh. "Too many people died for the flag and this country."

Nancy Lawson fully supports the Citizens Flag Alliance's goal to amend the Constitution to protect the flag from physical desecration. "It's terrible that people would want to burn the flag," says Lawson.

With three brothers who have served in the military, Sue McCombs thinks about the Pledge of Allegiance and what it means as she sews the blue field to the long and short red and white stripes.

"Makes me feel sad, depressed, that people would do that to a flag," says McCombs. "The flag represents our country, children and our past."

Pugh says what so many think: "It takes a real ass to burn the flag." □

—By Doug Donaldson

FLAG ETIQUETTE

Here are some simple rules to observe in paying proper homage to Old Glory.

DEEPLY WOVEN through the nearly eight decades of The American Legion's existence is the belief that the U.S. Flag should be duly respected and appropriately displayed.

"The flag is always in the hearts of Legionnaires," says National Commander William M. Detweiler. "We know, understand and practice proper flag respect. And it's our job to teach others."

unconstitutional by the 1989 *Texas v. Johnson* Supreme Court decision. Now, physical desecration of the flag is protected under the freedom of speech provision of the U.S. Constitution.

That's why the Legion and Auxiliary last year created the Citizens Flag Alliance. In addition to joining the CFA, you can promote flag education by flying your flag, adhering to the Flag Code and teaching others, too.

Following is a list of guidelines for proper handling and display of the flag:



U.S. possession, can order the display of flags at half staff. Also, heads of departments and agencies of the government may direct the flag to be half-staffed.

Night flying. While the Flag Code states that it is customary to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset, flags may be displayed 24 hours if they are properly lighted. Often nearby street lights will provide fitting illumination.

Folding. There are no official provisions for folding a flag, but the traditional method is:

1. Straighten the flag to full length and fold lengthwise once.
2. Fold it lengthwise a second time to meet the open edge, making sure the blue field remains outward in full view.
3. A triangular fold is then started by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to the open edge.
4. The outer point is then turned inward parallel with the open edge to form a second triangle.
5. This triangle folding continues toward the blue field until only the blue field and stars will show in the remaining triangle.

Disposal. When a flag is worn or weathered beyond use, it should be destroyed in a dignified way. In this context, burning a flag is permissible provided it is done discreetly so the act of

destruction is not perceived as a protest or desecration. As a dignified and solemn occasion for the retirement of unusable flags, many Legion Posts conduct flag disposal ceremonies each year on Flag Day, June 14.

Use in advertising. The flag should not be used in advertising, except in ads by companies that manufacture flags or flag pins.

Bad weather. The flag should not be displayed on days of inclement weather, unless the flag is made of nylon or other non-absorbent, all-weather material.

Positioning. When used as a backdrop to a speaker's platform, the flag displayed flat on a wall should be

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The commitment to teach began in 1923 just four years after the Legion itself was founded. That year, The American Legion spearheaded the National Flag Conference, which drafted the nation's guidelines for flag etiquette—the U.S. Flag Code. While it does not carry the weight of law, the Flag Code is a detailed set of guidelines to ensure the flag is treated with respect.

Over the years, Legionnaires across America have regularly gone into schools to teach students about the Flag Code and the penalties for flag desecration. But those penalties were ruled

The blue field. The proper way to display a flag against a wall is with the blue field at the observer's left; this is true whether the flag is being displayed horizontally or vertically. When a flag is displayed over the middle of a street, it should be suspended vertically. On a north-south street, the blue field should be to the east. On an east-west street, it should be to the north.

Half staff. The flag should be flown at half staff only on Memorial Day, from sunrise until noon; from noon until dusk, the flag should be at full staff. On other occasions, the U.S. President, and any governor of a territory or

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Tough choice, huh? Maybe the government should commence a million-dollar study to see if this could affect military recruiting.

Or maybe they should just ask the Marines.

For the first time since 1980, the Marine Corps has missed its recruiting contracting goal—the pre-enlistment or delayed enlistment agreement new recruits make before actually entering the service. Part of the reason may be the national service program, AmeriCorps.

Touted as a “GI Bill for civilians,” AmeriCorps allows students to perform volunteer community service in return for money for college. Some lawmakers and veterans’ advocates feared that the program would further dilute the benefits of the already inadequate Montgomery GI Bill. Now it seems there is evidence this is taking place.

During testimony before Congress on the status of Marine recruiting and quality-of-life issues, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Harold G. Overstreet told lawmakers the results of a recent DoD survey: “After hearing about the AmeriCorps concept, 47 percent of [recruit] prospects said they would consider it. This represents a greater level of interest than that enjoyed by any of the services. Fifty-six percent felt the national service plan and other programs were better ways to get money for college than the military.” The sample was drawn from a twice-yearly government survey of 800 unmarried men, ages 16 to 19,

with no military service.

Apparently this was not the conclusion DoD bureaucrats wanted. In a letter to Rep. Bob Stump, chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, Assistant Secretary of Defense Frederick Pang wrote, “Sergeant Major Overstreet’s testimony did not contain all the salient facts about national service from the survey. When asked if they were aware of national service, only 11 percent of respondents said yes.”

Pang’s argument was that if no one told potential recruits about AmeriCorps, they would probably join the service. He said the DoD maintains that military recruiting is in no danger from national service.

Calling AmeriCorps a low-priority program, Rep. Stump said, “AmeriCorps is hurting military recruitment. Now the evidence is in. This is exactly what we warned about when AmeriCorps was first authorized.”

Currently, about 20,000 students are enrolled in the AmeriCorps program.

...Or Keep 'Em

Career uncertainty amid today’s downsizing may be having an effect on active-duty retention, according to Navy re-enlistment figures appearing in *Navy Times*. On the same page reporting the release of 440 officers due to downsizing are details of the Navy’s current re-enlistment prospects for enlisted personnel.

Current re-enlistment for first-term sailors is running about 35 percent—at the critical level, according to the Navy. The branch normally counts on about a 37 percent first-term re-enlistment rate.

That’s the bad news. The worse news is second- and third-term re-enlisting rates. Second-term enlistees are re-upping at only 47.4 percent, well below the needed 54 percent, while third-term is running 56.3 percent, a far cry from the 69 percent the Navy believes it requires to retain both sheer numbers and experience.

Congressional testimony from other

military services indicates that the Navy is not alone. According to Sergeant Major of the Army Richard A. Kidd, while the Army is still meeting its enlistment goals, recruiters say they are working much harder to get young men and women to join. He also admits that in some MOSs (Military Occupational Specialties), such as military police, special forces, infantry and transportation, re-enlistments are down. Kidd blames the problem on multiple, unending deployments and poor pay.

As an example, Kidd cited a PATRIOT air defense unit based in Fort Bliss, Texas. Two battalions had just returned from deployments to Korea and the Gulf region. In FY94, these units boasted an 85.7 percent re-enlistment average. “Right now, their retention of mid-grade noncommissioned officers is 56 percent for FY95,” said Kidd.

If It Works, Get Rid of It

Last year, according to Department of Labor figures, veterans employment

representatives found jobs for 560,000 veterans.

They counseled and referred an additional 2.2 million veterans seeking work and also helped with the military’s Transition Assistance Program to assist active duty members find work when they got out of the service. More amazing yet, all this saved tax dollars.

Naturally, therefore, some lawmakers want to get rid of it.

The Employment Enhancement Reform Act (HR1120), if passed as written, will abolish all Local Veterans Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veteran Outreach Programs (DVOPs). LVERs and DVOPs are the only people in state employment agencies that specialize in placement of veterans in jobs.

“In an era where thousands are being cut from the military in an effort to downsize, it makes no sense to destroy a program that has worked so well for so many for so long,” says Allen Titus, chairman of the Legion’s Economic Commission. □



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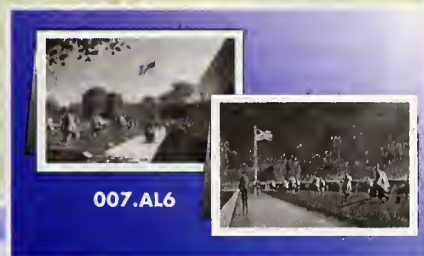
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NATIONAL CONVENTION MOVED TO INDIANAPOLIS

BECAUSE of major differences between The American Legion and The Portland/Oregon Visitors Association, the 77th National Convention scheduled for Portland this year has been moved to Indianapolis, home of the Legion's National Headquarters.

The convention dates have changed, too. The National Convention will begin Aug. 31 and end Sept. 6.

National Commander William M. Detweiler said the move became necessary when some Portland hotels reneged on commitments involving room reservations and prices. Detweiler said the hotels sold more than 400 prime rooms that were promised to the Legion by the Portland/Oregon Visitors Association.

According to Detweiler, other areas of disagreement included use of the Oregon Convention Center, room rate increases and a lack of financial support promised by the visitors association in providing local transportation for Legionnaires from their hotels to the convention site.

"The visitors association was advised of these problems repeatedly over the past year to no avail," said Detweiler. "This decision was taken very reluctantly. It only came after a diligent effort on the part of the The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Oregon to reach a satisfactory agreement."



The Soldiers and Sailors Monument is the centerpiece of downtown Indianapolis.

other time in the 76-year history of the Legion. In 1963, the 45th National Convention was moved from New Orleans, La., to Miami Beach, Fla.

As with the previous move, Legion leaders acted quickly to ensure a high-quality convention. Within two weeks of Detweiler's decision, the American Legion National Convention Corporation of Indiana Inc. was formed with Gib Sheeks, the Indiana National Executive Committeeman, serving as corporation president. The corporation also speedily set up the committees needed to run a convention.

An estimated 15,000 Legionnaires and their families are expected to attend the week-long event, pumping \$15 million into the

local economy.

"It's a big gain for the city," said Bob Desautels, convention services and community relations manager for the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association. "We're very excited about being able to

help the Legion. Now we just have to face the challenge of putting all the pieces together for the convention."

The first time a convention was held in the Circle City was in 1990. In commemorating the end of World War II, this year's convention will include a WWII film festival and other events that pay tribute to the men and women who served.

Legionnaires and their families will also be able to tour the Legion's National Headquarters, which is located in the heart of the Circle City.

"Just the location has changed," said Bob Radke, the Legion's National Convention Director. "We will still do everything that was planned for Portland."

For more information about this year's National Convention in Indianapolis, see the July issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE. □

CALLING ALL KOREAN WAR VETS

KOREAN WAR veterans, share your stories with the nation. The National Public Relations Division of The American Legion is compiling a list of Korean War veterans and their wartime memories for a media data bank.

The Public Relations Division will use the data bank to put news media in

LEGION URGES CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON VA BUDGET SHORTFALL

CITING a VA form letter that denies medical care to many veterans, a

Legion spokesman has urged the Senate to correct the shortfall which has plagued the VA budget for years.

"The Legion questions how VA will be able to provide care to all eligible veterans expected to apply for care in 1996, if they are disallowing care for many veterans today," Carroll L. Williams, Director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, told the Senate Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies.

"Today, numerous VA facilities send a standard form letter to veterans seeking care, stating that due to budgetary and workload constraints, they cannot provide medical services to 'Discretionary' category veterans so they can meet

THE LEGION IN CONGRESS

A TALE OF TWO BUDGETS

THE following is a comparison of what the administration and the Legion propose, respectively, for the FY96 VA budget.

	ADMINISTRATION	LEGION RECOMMENDS
	IN MILLIONS	
Medical Care	\$16,960.0	\$19,600.0
Medical Research	257.0	290.0
Construction	788.0	750.0
State Home Grants program	43.0	75.0
National Cemetery System	75.3	78.0
Veterans Benefits Administration	694.0	785.0

their obligations in providing care to all veterans in the 'Mandatory' category," Williams said.

By law, VA must provide care for Mandatory category veterans—those with service connected ailments and those whose incomes fall below the VA's means test threshold of \$20,470.

Discretionary category veterans—those with non-service connected problems—may be treated at VA facilities if resources are available.

To meet the demands of sick veterans, the Legion has urged a wide-sweeping reorganization of the VA's Veterans Health Administration to include eligibility, fiscal and system reform.

Legion testimony on other areas of the VA's FY96 budget included:

Veterans Benefits Administration

The Legion has long supported the annual adjustment in

benefits to maintain the welfare of disabled veterans and their families. However, the COLA should apply to all beneficiaries equally.

Medical and Prosthetic Research

The Legion recommended that VA Secretary Jesse Brown establish a Health Research Advisory Council that would oversee VA's research programs.

Claims Backlog

The Legion commended initiatives to reduce the amount of time it takes for the Board of Veterans Appeals to respond to veterans' claims. However, this process still consumes more than 700 days. The Legion urges the board to continue to work toward reducing the time of appeals and a more comprehensive accounting of the numbers and nature of appeals pending in the court. □

LEGIIONNAIRES IN ACTION

Post 113 of Granite City, Ill., was inducted into the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame for its sponsorship of American Legion Baseball and for assisting more than 50 student athletes win scholarships in the past 20 years.

Post 783 of Maspeth, N.Y., conducted an awards ceremony to honor many community leaders, including WWI veterans. In addition, Post 783 presented Law and Order and Fire-fighter awards.

As a Veterans Day project, Post 159 of Venice, Fla., sponsored the Venice High School Band's presentation of music for veterans, including the original song, the "Korea Veterans" march, written by Legionnaire Charles Gabriele.

Post 122 of Warren-town, Mo., participated in WWII Day for about 2,500 area students. The Post helped set up and man booths that showed uniforms, medals, photographs and weapons from World War II.

Post 1424 of Forest Hills, N.Y., has made a habit of giving during the holidays. Each November, the Post donates turkeys to local churches for needy families. And in early December, they lead a St. Nick's Day parade, which includes decorating a tree and passing out treats to children. In addition, the Post conducts a Christmas party at the VA hospital in St. Albans.

Post 150 of Franken-muth, Mich., donated \$2,500 to the patio/nature trail at the VA Medical Center in Saginaw. □

touch with Korean War veterans who are willing to be interviewed about their wartime experiences. The data bank is similar to one of WWII veterans already in use by the division.

"As the nation prepares for the dedication of the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., next month, there will be much media interest in locating veterans who fought and served in that

war," says Lew Wood, National Public Relations Director.

Responses should be in writing—no phone calls, please. And Korean War veterans should include their full name, address, telephone number and a brief description of their war experiences. Send information to National Public Relations Division, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. □

CFA YIELDS DIVIDENDS: MORE STATES SIGN ON

LIKE A good investment, the Citizens Flag Alliance (CFA) is paying off.

Oregon, Washington and Hawaii have become the 47th, 48th and 49th states to pass memorializing resolutions to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration. At press time, only Vermont had yet to pass a measure through its legislature.

The 49 state legislatures that have adopted memorializing resolutions represent more than 99 percent of the American public.

Bob Scott, head of the Oregon CFA, credited the state's Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion for getting the resolution passed. They continually pressured legislators and stayed on top of the issue by tracking the resolution as it was debated in subcommittees and committees.

Contributing to the Oregon CFA efforts were the

Elks, Moose, Masons and the United Veterans Groups of Oregon.

"As the vote got closer, we flooded legislators with phone calls," says Scott.

Persistence also paid off in Washington, according to Derald Robertson, the state's CFA coordinator. To get Washington's memorializing resolution passed, it meant hours canvassing the state capitol, Robertson said. He cited Doris Gross, the Legion's Department legislative chairman, as a major force in getting the resolution passed.

"For years we've worked to get this through," said Robertson. "When it finally passed, the only feeling we had was elation."

Robertson said the most difficult part of the fight was getting media attention. Although members of the Washington CFA distributed information to media, little about the campaign was published or broadcast.

EXPRESS YOUR SUPPORT; MORE VOTES ARE NEEDED

SUPPORT for amending the Constitution to protect the flag has increased in Congress, too, but more votes are still needed, according to Daniel S. Wheeler, president of the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc.

The House flag amendment bill, HJR 79, has 254 cosponsors, but 290 votes are needed for the bill to pass. At press time in late April, the number of House cosponsors of the bill was as many as the 254 representatives who voted for the amending of the U.S. Constitution in the wake of the 1989 Supreme Court decision ruling that burning the flag was an expression of

free speech.

There are 52 cosponsors of the Senate's version of the bill, SJR 31, 15 shy of the votes needed for passage.

Contact your representatives and senators and express your support for these bills. The addresses and phone numbers are:

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and

The Honorable (name)

U.S. House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Phone: (202) 225-3121. ☐

Robertson says the Washington CFA's efforts will not end with the passage of the resolution. The group is now circulating petitions and have enlisted other groups, including the Free Masons, to push for an amendment to protect the flag.

In Hawaii, CFA members packed legislative committee rooms and waved flags in support of a resolution.

As the time came closer for a vote, CFA members organized a rally at the state capitol in Honolulu that was covered on three major television networks.

"If we hadn't shown up in force, I'm not so sure it would have passed," says Fred Ballard, executive director of Branch 46, Fleet Reserve Association, a CFA member. ☐

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93rd AA, Hq & Hq Btry #19363
94th Med. Gas Treatment Bn. (WWII) #15292
95th Inf. Div. Assn. #16110
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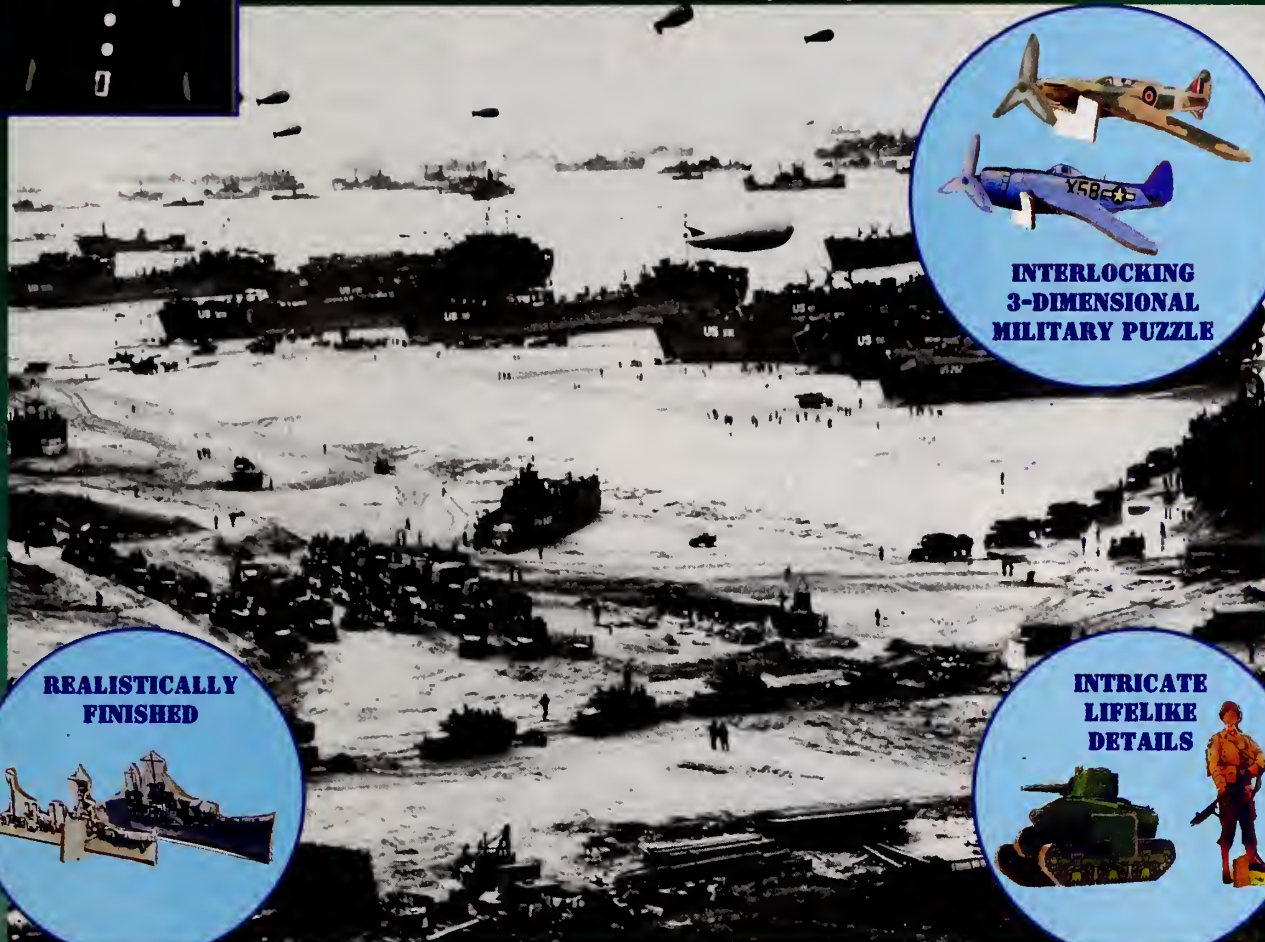
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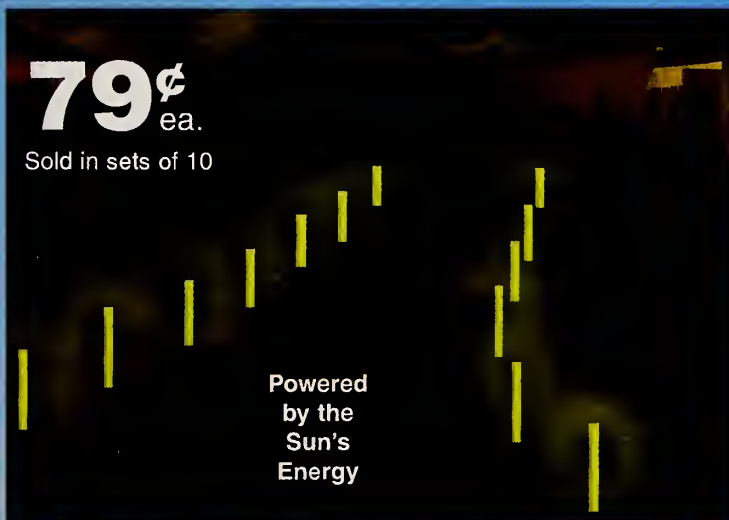
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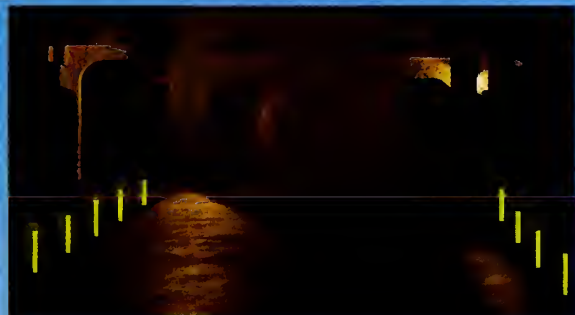
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in the acclaimed film, *Mr. Roberts*.

While some of the actors distinguished themselves as soldiers, in at least one case the opposite happened: A soldier who had never acted before found fame and fortune by coming to Hollywood and *playing* a soldier. Audie Murphy, an enlistee at age 18 and the most highly decorated soldier of World War II, became an overnight success thanks to gritty war pictures like *To Hell and Back*.

TINSELTOWN didn't wait for its stars' return to make films commemorating America's battle against tyranny. Of the roughly 1,700 full-length features churned out by Hollywood between 1942 and 1945, more than 500 dealt with the war in one form or another.

The cinematic offerings ranged from those that depicted the life of a foot soldier in grueling detail—*Bataan*, released in 1943, barely a

year after the battle itself—to those that used the war as a backdrop for romantic intrigue—*Casablanca*.

The war movies served a number of purposes aside from pure entertainment. They helped give Americans at home a symbolic link to their fighting forces in strange, distant lands; they buoyed the spirits of a nation muddling through without large numbers of its young men; and they provided regular doses of inspiration for the factory workers on double shifts as well as the housewives scraping by on ration stamps.

In dramatizing the heroics of American servicemen, the films conveyed to nationwide movie audiences the excitement of battle, the glory of triumph, and the promise that their loved ones would return one day soon.

Cinematic classics from this period included *Sergeant York* (1941), about the WWI hero; *Guadalcanal Diary* (1943); and *The Sullivans* (1944), telling the story of five brothers lost at sea when the *USS Juneau* went down.

Backstage Boosters

As the morale-enhancing potential of movies, sports and other forms of entertainment became increasingly apparent, entertaining the troops themselves gained high-priority status. Comedians Bob Hope and Martha Raye, balladeer Kate Smith and actress-singer Marlene Dietrich stood out among the 7,000-or-so entertainers who devoted themselves to bringing GIs live shows despite taxing schedules, cut-rate travel and the dangers of performing in a combat environment. Hope, of course, continued making tours of military bases and combat zones for some four decades. Raye, a registered nurse, would finish her shows and run straight to the medic station to help out with first aid. She herself was wounded during a wartime performance.

Dietrich was later asked about the perils of working in combat zones. She laughed and quipped that barnstorming for the military was "less dangerous than dealing with some of the Hollywood producers I know."

Some stars focused their attentions on the soldiers and sailors who were on leave or awaiting orders in various embarkation points in the United States.

Bette Davis and John Garfield launched the now-famous Hollywood Canteen, where the kitchen help included Spencer Tracy, Humphrey Bogart and Joan Crawford; on any given day, Hedy Lamarr and Olivia de Havilland

might be available as dance partners. New York's version, the Stage Door Canteen, gave lonely GIs a place to eat, have coffee or just mingle with winsome starlets from the nearby theater district.

Other entertainment figures brought their own special skills to bear in helping the war effort. Impresario Billy Rose, renowned for his elaborate stage shows, outdid himself at a benefit concert at Madison Square Garden, raising \$10 million for the USO. And Jack Benny's violin was just one of many celebrity items donated for auction. A single lock of Veronica Lake's hair brought almost \$200,000. Carole Lombard (Mrs. Clark Gable), gave the ultimate gift to the war effort: She died in a plane crash on her way home from an Indianapolis bond drive which had raised \$2 million.

OF ALL THE entertainers to become forever linked with World War II, arguably the most celebrated and tragic was Glenn Miller. Like Gable, the famed trombonist was too old to enlist, but he finally persuaded the Army to let him join for the purpose of organizing a swing band. Miller staffed his ensemble by conducting a service-wide search for other jazzmen who'd been drafted. He "requisitioned" others from among the ranks of civilians.

The group Miller led was touted by no less than Gen. Jimmy Doolittle as "the best morale-builder besides a letter from home," and became known for its grit as well as its talent. More than once the Miller band played right through a Nazi buzz bomb raid in London. Alas, the popular bandleader's own luck ran out in December 1944, when his small plane disappeared in a flight over the English Channel.

Miller's wife may have been speaking for all celebrities and their loved ones when she said afterward, "Glenn understood the risks in enlisting. That didn't matter to him. He wanted to do what he could for his country."

—By Steve Salerno

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Editor's Note: To commemorate the 50th anniversary of WWII, the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, has created an exhibit called "Baseball Enlists." Unveiled on Memorial Day of this year, the exhibit uses artifacts, photographs, video and text to tell the story of wartime baseball, both at home and around the globe.

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Carolina case in which a terminally ill cancer patient was taken off narcotics simply because his nursing home felt he was "getting too much medication." The patient was in agony before death, and his heirs sued the facility. The jury awarded \$15 million in damages.

Partly because of such precedent-setting verdicts, medical science is finally acknowledging that arbitrary standards of pain control don't apply in the real world.

As pharmacologist Linda Bressler wrote in a recent issue of the trade magazine, *Drug Topics*, "The right dose is the one that relieves pain."

Pain experts insist narcotics prescribed for severe pain almost never create a junkie. "A person who was taking an opioid for back pain isn't going to go out on the street to get more of it," says Kathleen Foley, director of pain management for New York's Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Studies corroborate that when even the most potent narcotics are used, the addiction risk is smaller than one in 1,000.

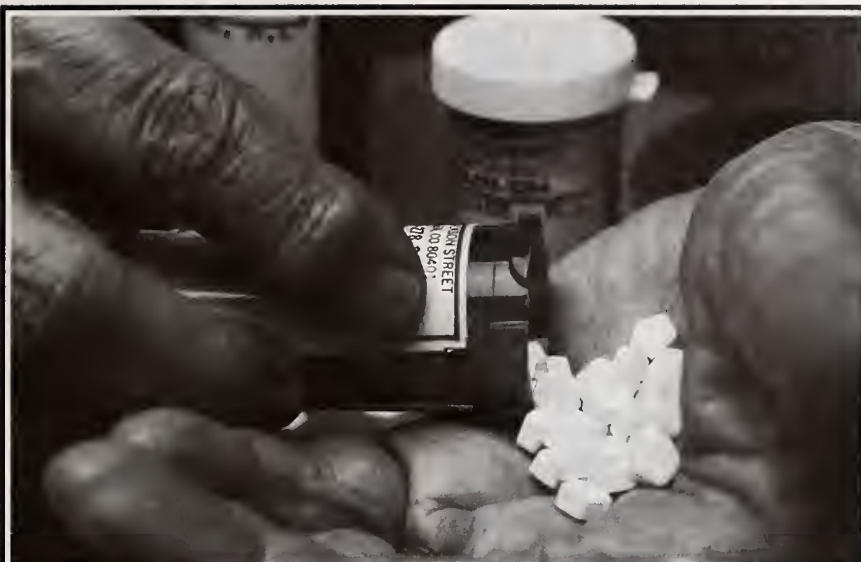
Not all the news on the pain front is good, though.

The approval process for new drugs can be slow, because basic research must be conducted on laboratory animals, who are obviously unable to report their subjective reactions. And unscrupulous opportunists are all too eager to capitalize on the demand for pain therapy, now a \$3 billion industry. Dubious pain control clinics are popping up across the nation, as are complaints of fraud and abuse.

Also creating roadblocks are Medicare and many large insurance companies that take a dim view of narcotics or won't sanction alternative pain therapies like biofeedback and acupuncture.

Even so, change is clearly in the wind. Medical boards nationwide are urging a more open-minded attitude toward pain control. State regulatory bodies are learning to allow increased leeway in the use of potent painkillers. Hospitals are becoming more responsive to the patient, recognizing that their guidelines and practices pale before the comfort of the individual.

"A physician has a medical ethic to be responsible to the patient," says Shandell. "Whatever the patient needs, that's what the doctor should do." □



New Painkillers

TODAY'S dawning acceptance of pain control is producing a number of user-friendly approaches. Fentanyl, a super-opioid, is now available in transdermal patches and even lollipops for kids. In the works is a bracelet-type system that injects a metered dose of painkiller directly into the skin upon demand.

Still, as medical diagnostics becomes increasingly sophisticated, narcotics and other drugs designed primarily to mask symptoms are giving way to therapies that address the root causes. Ulcers, managed for decades with antacids and painkillers, are now being treated with antibiotics, which slow the bacterial process that causes degeneration of stomach linings. Migraine sufferers are grateful for a new generation of *vasoconstrictors*—drugs that calm the underlying blood vessel spasms.

Because at least some arthritic conditions seem to begin when the body's immune system attacks its own cartilage, sufferers are now benefiting from a welter of cartilage-strengthening agents. Other drugs, like Capsaicin, target the vicious cycle of prostaglandin activity that accompanies arthritic inflammation.

The latest arthritis research focuses on oxygen ions and other so-called *free radicals*—shortlived, super-powered byproducts of white blood cell activity. Though these sub-atomic agents survive only fractions of a second, their destructive ability compares to radiation, according to David Mason, medical director of Lederle Laboratories.

In another promising approach, Prozac and related antidepressants are being used to manage chronic pain.

Here, another naturally occurring substance, *serotonin*, comes into play. Clinicians working with migraine patients noted that serotonin levels dropped abnormally low just prior to an attack. Knowing that antidepressants stabilize levels of the substance in the brain, researchers recommended Prozac therapy. Sixty percent of patients responded favorably.

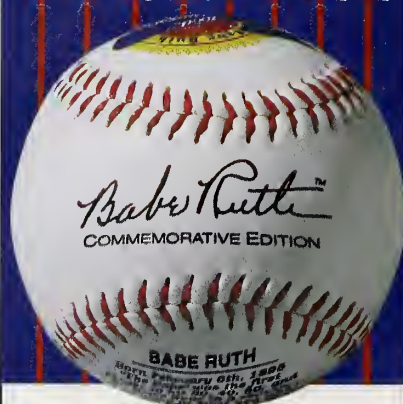
While Dr. Kenneth Shandell of San Diego believes that medication "obviously has its place," he and other pain experts are exploring alternative therapies which may have fewer troublesome side effects. Shandell's regimen relies heavily on acupuncture, biofeedback and various means of electrical stimulation designed to block pain stimuli or galvanize the body's painkilling arsenal. The transcutaneous electronic nerve stimulation (TENS) noted in Ted's case (see Page 19) shows particular promise.

Imagery, in which patients distract themselves from pain through serene mental pictures, has been stunningly effective for some individuals. As have the use of heat and cold.

There are even reports from migraine sufferers of relief obtained by sticking one's head inside the freezer at the first sign of a headache.

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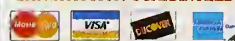
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tougher on social issues than their white counterparts, it may be because their race gives them a special license to extend the bounds of radio commentary. Explains Bernard Yoh, director of communications with Washington, D.C.-based Accuracy In Media, "[Black hosts] can say things a non-black would never say because the white would immediately be called a racist."

Despite the unifying themes in their radio patter, today's three most high-profile black hosts could not come from more different circumstances. Elder, 42, bills himself as the "Sage from Southcentral." He was born into a lower middle-class family just a few blocks from the flashpoint of the '92 L.A. riots. He excelled in school, won a scholarship to Brown University and later graduated with a law degree from the University of Michigan. Such is the background responsible for his unique, Horatio Alger outlook on America—an outlook that raises eyebrows almost every time Elder opens his mouth. "Yes," he'll say, "this nation has had a long and depressing history of racial discrimination. But that era is over. I defy you to find discrimination in 1995. The Civil Rights movement has been won."

Hamblin, on the other hand, is a largely self-taught man whose formal schooling ended with high school. "I grew up on welfare in Bedford-Stuyvesant," he says. He got his start in media as a photographer for the *Detroit Free Press*. From there he gravitated into cable TV and then radio. The oldest of the hosts at 54, Hamblin says he knows about racism firsthand. He recalls being "chased by the Klan in Greensboro, N.C., when I was working to register voters." *Of course* he started his political life as a liberal, he says—"What else could I have been?"—but over the years his politics tilted rightward: "I started recognizing that this country works. The black leaders tell us we cannot make it in America, but I now have accomplished every dream my mother had for me."

As for Williams, the 36-year-old onetime assistant to Justice Thomas says he came by his views back on his family's South Carolina farm. "My father told me the worst thing I could ever do was believe the pigmentation

of a person's skin denotes something about their character or intellect," he says. "He told me just to judge people by their heart and their intellect." Williams adds that his father was also a conservative: "In fact, I'm a third-generation conservative. This thinking goes way back in my family."

This is one reason why Williams and the others laugh off criticism that they are little more than opportunists climbing aboard the Limbaugh bandwagon. "It has taken me 13 years in radio to become famous overnight," quips Hamblin. "The fact is, I didn't even know I was a conservative until listeners started telling me I sounded like one." Besides, he adds, that charge is insulting to his growing audience. "Call me an opportunist and you are saying the American people are so dumb they can't spot a fake."

Questions have been raised, however, about who really listens to the shows. Critics allege that the audience consists primarily of white right-wingers who derive a certain vicarious thrill out of hearing a black commentator stick it to his "natural" constituency.

"I very frankly doubt if many African-Americans even know who these people are," says Chuck Bremer, executive director of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators. Nor does Bremer think black listeners are missing much by tuning out. Of Hamblin, Elder and company, Bremer says simply, "They're jerks."

Radio stations do little in the way of collecting demographic data on listeners, but some careful monitoring reveals that the shows draw their share of black listeners. Further, many of those listeners clearly endorse the shrill views expressed on the air.

Hosts deny that this is because callers are screened to ensure agreement. Screening on all these shows is minimal, they contend—designed only to ascertain that a caller has *something* to say. Whether that something is pro or con doesn't matter, the hosts insist.

In fact, as Williams explains from his base in heavily black Washington, D.C., "The calls I most want are from people who vehemently disagree with me." Flying sparks make for great radio, which is why Williams regrets that nowadays he's getting fewer "attack" calls. "I get 300 letters a week agreeing with me," he says. "Seventy percent of my callers agree with me. That shocks a lot of people, but blacks simply are becoming more conservative."

Maintaining an edgy, independent voice is crucial, says Williams, because

"a problem among blacks is that we don't easily allow different points of view. They want us to be a monolith." And just who are *they*? Williams readily ticks off the names of black leaders who are regulars on the TV public affairs show circuit.

"If these 'leaders' were white, they would have been laughed out of town ages ago," asserts Elizabeth Wright, editor of New York-based *Issues & Views*, a conservative-leaning public-affairs publication. "But the media share liberal inclinations and will invent 'leaders' if necessary. The real importance of people like Larry Elder is that they give voice to another point of view."

As Hamblin puts it, "I tell people the truths the black leaders don't want them to hear."

A lot of people don't want such views heard, apparently. There is a formal backlash underway, with Bremer's group taking direct action against Ken Hamblin in particular. The National Black Caucus has indicated it will file a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission. Bremer has also urged the *Denver Post* to drop Hamblin, whom he describes as "such a knee-jerk reactionary you would almost think he's a redneck white racist!"

The talk show hosts are unfazed by such charges. "Some critics say I'm a tool for whites who want to justify their own racism," says Elder. "That is simply silly. Many of my callers are black and many agree with me. Does that make *them* racists, too? That whole charge is ridiculous."

As for the most frequent complaint leveled against Williams—that he is the Uncle Tom of the airwaves—the host responds, "Some people tell me I'm not black enough. You know what I say to them? I tell them they are exactly right—and that is because I am trying to be human enough." □

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JURIES

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that what it's really saying is, peremptories *are* discriminatory and thus unconstitutional.

Q. But, will just eliminating peremptories heal the jury system?

A. No, we also need to ban jury consultants. They've only been around for about 25 years. They were first used to help Fr. Philip Berrigan defend charges that he conspired to raid draft boards during the Vietnam War. When consultants enter a case, it's a quantum leap into another dimension.

Although they started with *pro bono* work, most consultants now are used by companies and individuals with resources—hiring one typically will cost \$10,000 up to \$1 million. They earn their pay by taking what lawyers do by instinct and experience, and quantifying it. They apply social science methods—such as polling and pre-trial testing—to accurately determine before a trial how to win a particular case.

Q. What's wrong with what consultants do?

A. Consultants use all the tools that have been developed in product marketing. If a corporation wants to introduce a new flavor of toothpaste, it tries the product on a focus group—people drawn from the community—and hears their opinions. Jury consultants do the same, but what they try out are different defense strategies, even different lawyers.

In a murder trial, for instance, the defense can try out self-defense, heat of passion, alibi, etc. on focus groups, then use what works best in the trial. A defendant can keep testing until he is virtually assured he will succeed in court.

One major jury consultant says that by following his techniques, clients can remove 96 percent of the element of luck from a case. To me, that says the trial has ceased to be a search for justice. Jury consultants have evaded restrictions so far, but nothing in the Constitution safeguards them. We can and should ban their use.

Q. Aren't juries also unrepresentative of their communities because many of us simply ignore summonses for jury duty?

A. Most of us do everything we can to duck out. Nationwide, about 55 percent ignore the summons outright. Of the 45 percent who do show up, many make excuses—claiming hardships at work or home. Eventually, two-thirds will be excused. The remaining jury pool thus is very small—around 15 will remain out of every 100 potential jurors. But the jury system isn't worth having unless the whole community is eligible to serve and the whole community is *required* to serve. Jury duty ought to be the equivalent of military service in wartime.

Q. Why do so many of us seek to avoid jury duty?

A. Frankly, jury duty often is not very pleasant. By and large, jurors are treated more like criminal defendants than anybody else in the courtroom. They have little freedom of movement, little information and are at the mercy of other people's schedules. The courtroom revolves around the judges and lawyers, yet when you step back and look at our system, jurors are at the center of it. They put people in prison for life or release them to the streets. Ordinarily in our society we give people with power respect, but we don't show jurors respect.

Q. Hardship claims aren't totally fictitious, though, because of the length of trials nowadays.

A. We have gotten very far away from our traditional notion of the one-day trial. Judges have lost control of their courtrooms. Many are lazy. Others lack management skills. All are way too afraid of being overturned on appeal. A result is that trials are getting longer and longer. But think how hard it is for jurors to remember at the end of a six-month trial what happened at the beginning.

Q. Speaking of long trials, what are your feeling about the O.J. Simpson case?

A. This is a dangerous case for the entire jury system. If nothing comes out in the trial that makes people feel he's [innocent], but the trial results in a hung jury or an acquittal, it will create a tremendous problem. If the public thinks the verdict is absurd, this will have impacts on the willingness of people to serve on juries. More broadly, it will further erode our faith in the system.

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But judges nowadays play defense all the time, worrying about how they will look to the appeals court, *not* worrying about the most productive ways to run their courtroom.

Q. Have you ever served on a jury?

A. Ironically, I served on a jury while I was writing the book. Of course I was anxious to do it and—bizarrely—the lawyers and judge permitted me to serve. The case itself turned out not to be very interesting, a small personal-injury suit against New York City over a broken sidewalk. Even so, once I sat on the case, I found it compelling and I also felt proud that I had an opportunity to serve the community.

That's typical, by the way. Despite how hard many of us try to avoid jury service, when we do serve, most say we have been enriched by the experience.

Q. Despite how troubled the jury system is, you say that the system can and should be saved. Why?

A. The "why" is that juries bring the community into the courtroom. We've already lost much of our civic-mindedness, and if we lose juries, we'll lose more of it. Ultimately, too, I believe that if juries in fact consist of 12 people with different life experiences, verdicts will be better and fairer than any single person could have done. Juries also are a check against big government. Government can pass a law but if the jury doesn't like it, it doesn't have to enforce it.

Q. You're saying juries can ignore laws?

A. Judges and prosecutors don't tell jurors that they have the long-standing right to ignore laws they disagree with, but they do. It's called "jury nullification" and goes back to colonial times when New York printer John Peter Zenger was put on trial for printing defamations about the colonial governor. By law, printing anything derogatory was illegal, but it took the jury just minutes to come back with an acquittal, law or no law. Jury nullification has been used often in our society.

In the pre-Civil War era, juries in the North refused to convict those charged with harboring fugitive

slaves. In the South, it was later used to acquit those charged with what we now would call hate crimes. Jury nullification is a counterbalance to what the community—the people—view as tyranny, and for that reason it's an important democratic institution.

Q. So, what would you do to fix the jury system?

A. Shorter trials are a start. At the same time, we should make jury duty as convenient as possible by employing the "one day, one trial" system in use in some courthouses. Jurors show up on a designated day. If they are picked for a trial, they serve on the jury. If they are not picked, they go home and won't be called again for a specified period.

Q. That still leaves the problem of shoddy verdicts, doesn't it?

A. Eliminating peremptory challenges and making jury duty essentially mandatory will give us a fairer, more impartial jury to start with. Beyond that, we can provide juries with much more information so that they can do their jobs better. We should encourage jurors to take notes and even to ask questions of witnesses during the trial. Do only that and we'll get results that are more appropriate.

Q. Don't most judges discourage note-taking by jurors?

A. There is a strong bias among judges against jurors taking notes, and we know that very few jurors in fact do take them. Judges have argued that when jurors take notes they're not listening to the testimony and therefore might miss important things.

Another argument is that if some jurors take notes and others don't, in deliberations the jurors with notes will gain power over the others.

Still, everybody else in the courtroom is taking notes—the judge, the lawyers—but the only people who need to remember everything are the jurors, and they're the only people not taking notes.

Q. Why do you say jurors should be given the right to question witnesses?

A. In our current system, we're often asking jurors to make decisions without the information they need to make them. They may be confused by a witness's testimony, but they do not get the opportunity to ask for clarification. I saw exactly this in an antitrust suit I covered. Afterward, many of the

jurors admitted they didn't comprehend [financial] concepts that were key to the case. Despite their lack of understanding, the jurors were required to decide a multi-million dollar case anyway.

That makes no sense; it would be easy to let jurors request clarification. When juries began in England centuries ago, they took a very active role. We need to restore elements of that active jury.

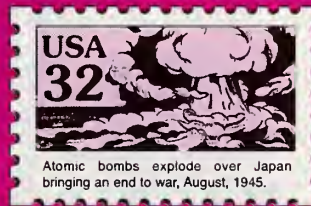
Q. What if the jury asks a question that's prejudicial?

A. The simple remedy is to let jurors provide the judge with written questions. Before asking the witness the jury's question, the judge would review it and consult the lawyers to see if they think the question might be prejudicial. Some judges already employ this system and it works very well. One added benefit is that it makes jurors feel more central to the process.

The system can be made to work better through relatively easy steps that can largely be taken at a judge's own initiative. Some judges already have taken them, with excellent results.

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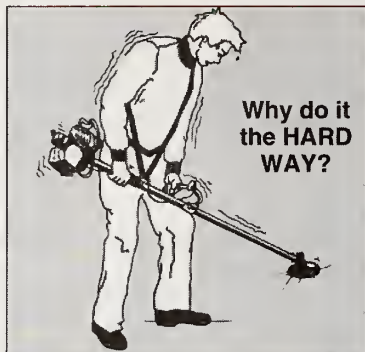
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RUSSIA'S SPIES

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dent foreign policy geared to its national interest." To achieve that, he added, Russia "will inevitably have to resort not only to overt means of realizing its aims, but also to the assistance of covert friends and supporters. These can only be found by the intelligence service."

Herbert Romerstein, for 18 years on the staff of the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee, affirms that Moscow's current "long-range disinformation campaigns are designed to encourage financial support for Russia and acceptance of Russian influence in the newly independent nations that made up the former Soviet Union."

If anything, the former KGB's external intelligence apparatus appears to be intensifying its nationalist foreign policy. In November 1993, KGB foreign intelligence director, Yevgeny Primakov, issued an unprecedented warning against any kind of alliance between the former communist states of Eastern Europe and NATO.

An expansion of NATO along those lines would create "the biggest military grouping in the world, with its colossal offensive potential directly at the borders of Russia," said Primakov. If this happened, he warned, "the need would arise for a fundamental reappraisal of all defense concepts on our side, a redeployment of armed forces and changes in operational plans."

IN HIS all-consuming effort to stay a step ahead of such contingencies, Primakov employs spies in a variety of non-diplomatic professions: businessmen, tourists, reporters, academics, students and others, suggesting that he is casting as wide a net as possible.

In the summer of 1992, two staff members of the Russian news agency Itar-Tass in Bonn, Germany, denounced the appointment of a veteran KGB official as director of the news agency's services covering Germany and Austria.

They disclosed that the number of KGB members on the central staff of Itar-Tass has actually *increased* since Russia's supposed *glasnost* (openness) policy. The correspondents asked Primakov to pledge that "a press pass should not be used as cover for a spy."

He refused. Clearly, Russia's spy

network will not deprive itself of any, or all, devices to carry out its worldwide operations.

Earlier that same year, Primakov had begun a series of intelligence-recruiting sessions at the Moscow Institute of International Relations, a Foreign Ministry affiliate. He told his audience his agency was not only interested in young recruits who were studying foreign affairs, but also in men and women specializing in economics, physics, chemistry and engineering.

As a result, Western technological, financial, commercial and industrial institutions are openly acknowledged as major new high-priority targets of Russian spying.

Exactly who is making these policy decisions is a matter of some speculation. As has always been the case with Russian espionage, there are questions about whether "the head knows what the body is doing."

YELTSIN himself has maintained that he was unaware of the massive Ames operation. And it is certainly possible that Yeltsin—haunted by an aggressive opposition as well as frequent bouts of depression—never specifically knew that his intelligence apparatus was using Ames as a spy inside the CIA. But there can be no doubt that Primakov, Yeltsin's hand-picked choice to run the agency, was well briefed on Ames' role of exposing U.S. agents inside Russia and turning over volumes of secret documents to his Moscow handlers.

A top Russian Army staffer told the Itar-Tass news agency, "[Ames] worked for us. He defended our interests [and] exposed spies who were pumping Russian secrets to the United States."

Ames has admitted that "the KGB had set aside for me \$2 million in gratitude for this information." This is an important point. Experts agree that, facing a tightened budget, Primakov's spy agency could not hand over millions without top-level approval.

All of this suggests that we should not be misled by the mood of détente that has flourished over the past decade; Russia will still seek to undermine U.S. policy when such provocative actions work to the Kremlin's advantage. "Our tolerant attitude toward Russia today enables its Foreign Intelligence Service to operate in a significantly less hostile environment than did its KGB predecessors," says Prof. Knight, who also teaches at Johns Hopkins University. She believes that

this situation "leaves us quite vulnerable" to Moscow's newly sophisticated intelligence tactics.

Romerstein, who directed the U.S. Information Agency's Office to Counter Soviet Active Measures and Disinformation, notes that Russia continues to regard the United States as a "main enemy."

Now as in the past, adds Prof. Douglas Seay, deputy director for foreign policy at the Washington-based Heritage Foundation, Moscow's spy network serves not only as a means of gathering information, but "as an offensive instrument of Russian policies." Indeed, Primakov negotiated with Saddam Hussein on the eve of the Gulf War, aiming to sidetrack U.S. efforts to force Iraq out of Kuwait by military means.

Currently, the Primakov policy favors limiting sanctions against Hussein, which would enable Russia to sell arms to Iraq, thus heightening Russian influence there. And, despite a plea by U.S. Defense Secretary William J. Perry, Russia in early April refused to call off its deal to sell nuclear reactors to Iran.

According to Paul A. Goble, former State Department specialist on Soviet affairs and presently senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, "The Russian Army may be falling apart, but Moscow's intelligence services have expanded their activities—not only against its own people, but also against the Western countries, prominently the United States."

The FBI has geared itself to counter these Russian efforts. FBI Director Louis H. Freeh emphasizes that his agency maintains a two-part National Security Threat List designed to guard against security risks from nations regarded as hostile toward the United States and spy activities that might originate with any country, whether "friend or foe."

Throughout the FBI's 56 field offices, potential target individuals and companies are alerted to intelligence activities detrimental to the United States, under the bureau's Development of Espionage and Counterintelligence Awareness project.

Such vigilance is essential, says Goble, if the United States is to avoid being lulled into a false feeling of security—in the most literal sense of the word.

"The names of Moscow's intelligence services have changed," he concludes, "but the tasks have not—neither theirs, nor ours." □

FLAG ETIQUETTE

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above and behind the speaker. In a church or public auditorium, the flag should be prominently displayed facing the audience. The flag on a staff should always be at the speaker's right.

With other flags. No flag should be displayed more prominently than the U.S. Flag. In a line of flags, the U.S. Flag should either be on the marching right, or front and center, of the others. When displayed on a wall crossed against another flag, the U.S. Flag should be on the observer's left. The U.S. Flag's staff should be placed over the other flag's staff.

Don'ts. The flag should *never* be:

- dipped to any person or thing.
- displayed with the blue field down, except as a signal of distress.
- carried flat or horizontally, but always free and aloft.
- used as wearing apparel, a ceiling covering, or to carry or hold anything.
- festooned, drawn back or in folds.
- represented on anything designed for temporary use that will be discarded, such as napkins or boxes.

The flag also should not touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, floor, water or merchandise. It should not have any extraneous markings on it; and no part of the flag ever should be used as a costume or athletic uniform.

Questions about flag etiquette should be sent to the Americanism Commission, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. The brochures, "Let's Be Right On Flag Etiquette," for 30 cents a copy, and "The U.S. Flag Code," for 10 cents a copy, can be purchased from National Emblem Sales, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206. □

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PROTECT OUR FLAG

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Unfortunately, we cannot conquer someone else's apathy, so it's no use wasting time trying to figure out how to do that. We can conquer only our own.

During the past six months, CFA Executive Director Marty Justis and I have traveled all over the country, holding press conferences, participating in training sessions, giving interviews to reporters and talk-show hosts, meeting with members of Congress and White House officials, and talking with citizens who are concerned about protecting our flag from public desecration.

Everyone we asked believed flag desecration was wrong. Everyone we talked with thought someone ought to do something to make it illegal. Everyone we met cared and wished us success.

It's a good start, but it's not enough. Believing, talking, caring and wishing that someone would do something to protect our flag is not going to get the job done.

The job is going to get done only if each of us does something.

This is not a committee job, although committees may help plan and achieve certain goals. This is not just a Flag Team job, although that team certainly plays a vital role. This is not a job that the Citizens Flag Alliance, Inc., can do, or any of our member organizations.

This is a job that will only get done if you, me, all of us — if "I" do it myself.

What to do

The question we need to ask is: "What can I do, as an individual American who cares about my flag, to make sure that a constitutional amendment is passed?"

One thing I can do is help get 20 million petition signers by Flag Day 1995. Getting people to sign a petition to help protect our flag is something that even I can do.

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There's also a video—even I can show a video. There are brochures I can distribute, and I can encourage others to contribute their time and money to the campaign.

There is a list of 97 CFA member organizations. I can contact some of those local chapters and let them know I want to help. I can help introduce them to my friends and associates in the CFA.

I can write and call the senators and representatives from my state and encourage them to vote with us, or thank them for their support. Either way, they will know I care. And, if enough people care about any issue, Congress acts.

I can complete the Congressional Contact Form after every contact with a member of Congress, and mail it to CFA so they will know what members are telling their constituents.

I can wear my CFA donor pin—and be prepared to tell people what it means and why I'm wearing it.

I, personally, can contribute some of my own money to the CFA campaign. I can donate something to help keep this campaign alive.

Prospects

Our prospects for success have never been better than what they are in the 104th Congress. The legislation has been drafted and the language has been agreed on by the leadership of both houses. Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, hopes to begin hearings by Flag Day.

The House is supportive and ready to begin the process now.

Rep. Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, is personally sympathetic to our efforts and hopes to have a vote on this in the next few months.

Already we have 254 members of the House who are cosponsors of bill HJ Res. 79 and we have 52 cosponsors in the Senate of bill SJ Res. 31.

There are CFA teams organized and operating in all 50 states. Training

sessions are open to representatives from all member organizations. Forty-nine states have passed memorializing resolutions asking Congress to send them a flag-protection amendment for ratification.

The chairmen of both judiciary committees and the House Rules Committee are on our side. The Speaker of the House and the Majority Leader of the Senate are on our side. A clear majority of all members are on our side.

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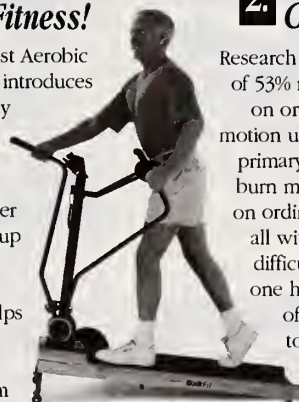
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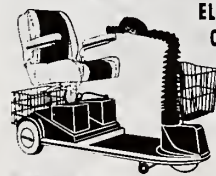
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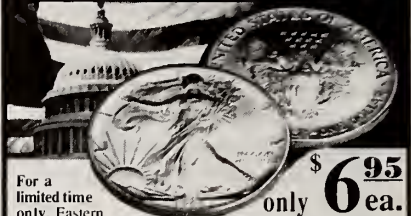
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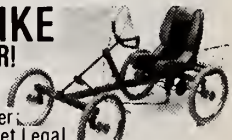
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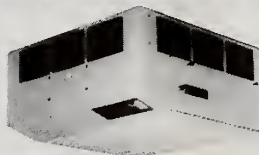
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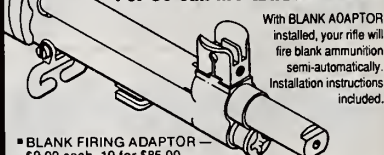
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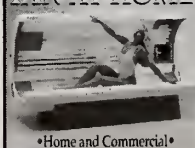
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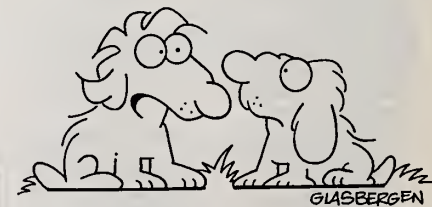
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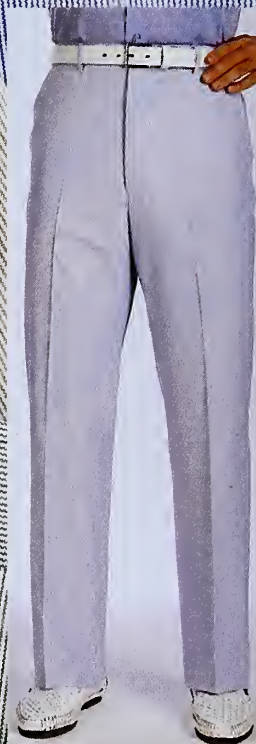
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